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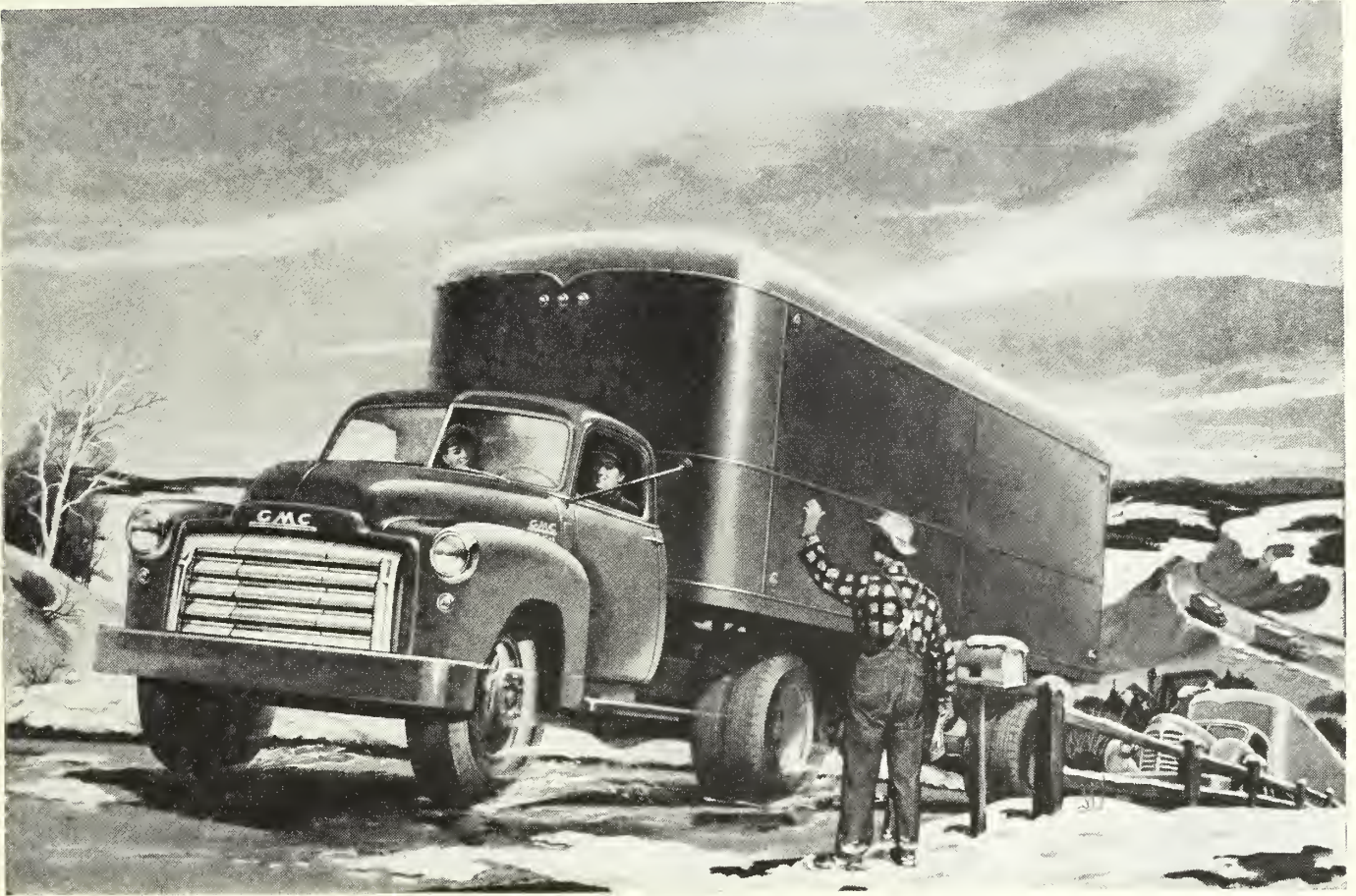
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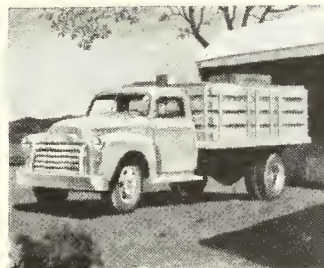
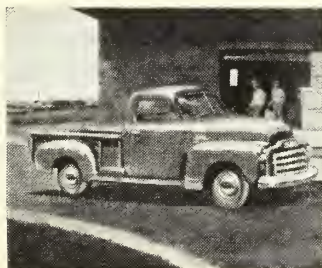
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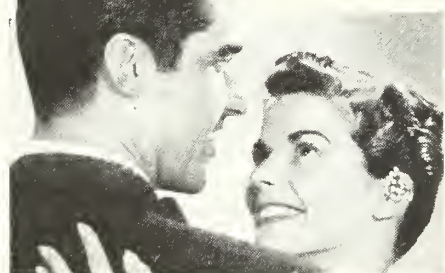


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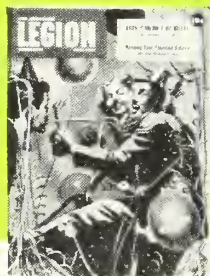


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There's a moral in this month's cover. Don't try to celebrate New Year's Eve during the summer. We tried to buy some props such as horns, confetti and the like for our artist. In the first store the salesman was convinced we were suffering from sunstroke. In another, a rather wilted sales girl said she didn't think the joke was very funny. Anyway we finally got what we wanted from one crusty old storekeeper who didn't care if we were crazy as long as we had money.

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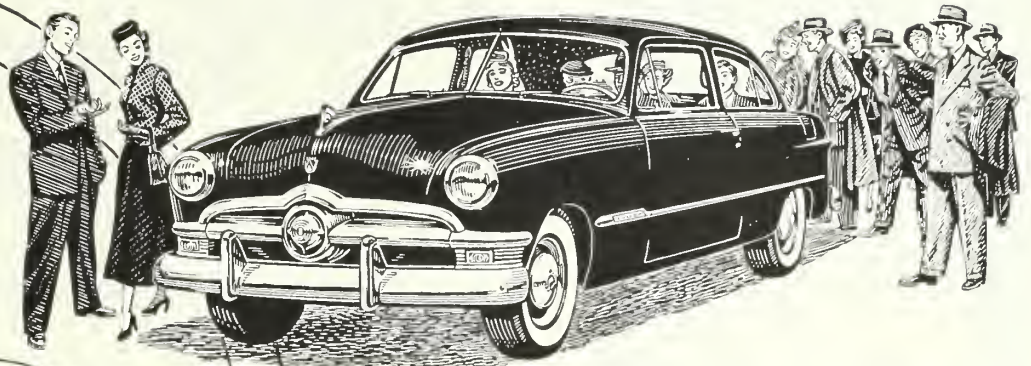
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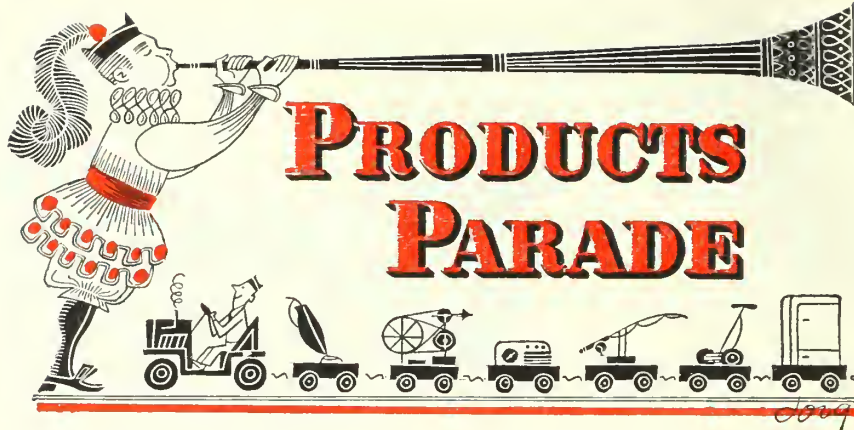
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PRODUCTS PARADE

A sampling of items which are in process of development or are coming on the market. Mention of products in no way constitutes an endorsement of them, since in most cases they are described as represented by manufacturers.

WELL-DRESSED-MAN DEPARTMENT. The job of ironing out wrinkled neckties is simplified with a new KaMo Tie Press being introduced by Vic Kaiser Products, P. O. Box 1094, Indianapolis, Ind. The Tie Press comes in two sections, to fit the front and back parts of the tie, and each section has an aluminum coating on one side and a cloth coating on the other. The cloth side is dampened, the press inserted in the tie, a cloth is placed over the tie, and the tie is then ironed. The idea is that the steam from the dampened tie press cannot go down through the aluminum, so it comes up through the tie and deposits dust and lint from the tie on the cloth above. Price is one dollar.



TO FEED METERS. If you've ever found yourself parked in front of a parking meter without any change you'll probably be a good prospect for the O. Johnson Manufacturing Co., 8600 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs, Ill. This company is introducing a clever little penny holder which can be attached anywhere inside an automobile by means of a suction cup. Consisting of a short metal tube, it holds 25 pennies and feeds them one at a time from the bottom. The cost is only 25¢ postpaid—good insurance against a parking fine.

WATER SAVER. With water shortages in many parts of the country, the public is becoming more conscious of water waste. One of the worst offenders is the faulty toilet commode, which gurgles and gushes day and night. To correct this, the Guide Manufacturing Co., Box 2287, Tampa, Fla., has developed a cage-like device called the Ball Guide, which directs the rubber ball of the commode into the proper position to seal off the flow of water. This device has no moving parts to wear out, is said to be simple to install, and of course saves water. The price is \$2.50 postpaid.

LIKE BIRDS? A kit for carving and painting exact scale models of song birds, upland game birds and waterfowl is being offered by John L. Lacey, 539½ Hudson St., New York City 14. Called the Audubon Kit of Bird Modeling it contains the roughed-out blocks for a Canada goose, mallard, pheasant, bluejay, goldfinch and robin. Also included are a professional carver's knife, wire legs for the birds, sandpaper, brush, oil paints and complete instructions and drawings. The kit sells for \$2.95 postpaid.



HIGH-SPEED BRICKLAYER. Home builders will be interested in a new jig which speeds up the laying of brick. Called the Brick-Lay-R, it is said to lay brick three times faster and can be used by unskilled workers. The manufacturer, Hodgson-Sommers, Inc., of Montgomery, Ala., says that 3,000 brick a day is average work on 12-inch walls. It is not an automatic bricklayer, but a machine that makes speed possible through the elimination of many operations that have become standard practice. Built-in spirit levels, ends and sides, keep a constant plumb so there is no need for plumb lines, string wall guides, and the frequent use of

a mason's level. Guides in the inside walls of the device direct the quick and accurate placing of the bricks, and the bricks are so held that the mortar goes deep into the joints. The price of Builder's Model 31AB is \$49.

GOT "SPLATTER TROUBLE"? To keep shower curtains from billowing out and causing water to splatter out on the floor, the Wallace, Davis Co., 2813 Dixwell Ave., Hamden 14, Conn., has worked out a simple device called the Shower Seal. This is a simple but effective gadget, one side of which holds the curtain edge and the other being a suction cup. By means of it the curtain is held firmly to the wall and tub, preventing the curtain from blowing. The Shower Seal comes in sets of two, for a dollar postpaid.



FOR COLD WEATHER DRIVERS. If you've ever had to scrape ice or frost off your windshield you'll appreciate the contribution of another inventive Legionnaire, Bates H. Murphy, who has developed a cover to keep windshields clear when you park your car in inclement weather. Murphy's Frost-tite windshield cover is made of pliable plastic with suction cups to hold it to the glass, and comes packed in a drawstring bag for \$1.39. The Frost-Tite Manufacturing Co. is located at 15 Cordova St., Asheville, N. C.



TROUBLED WITH PEEPING TOMS? Legionnaire Matthew J. Witteman, feeling that too many people were looking into too many windows, has come out with an interesting preventive called the No Peek Ventilating Blind. This is an easily installed venetian blind which covers the lower part of a window, and fits any window up to 42 inches wide. Uprights are placed in the window, the slats are cut to the proper width and set in place. The price is \$2.49, and the blinds can be obtained from the No Peek Ventilating Blind Co., 615 S. Date Ave., Alhambra, Cal.

NEW-TYPE TOOTHBRUSH HOLDER. Legionnaire Jack L. Day, of 2303 Eighth Ave., Oakland 6, Cal., has invented what he calls a D.A. Toothbrush-Tumbler Holder which he is placing on the market for a dollar postpaid. Designed as a wall fixture, easily attached even to tile, it is made of plastic and holds a tumbler and six toothbrushes. The brushes are protected by a clear cover which protects them from dust and hands. The holders are available in four pastel colors, ivory, blue, green and peach with matching tumbler.

GLASS FISHING ROD. Made by a revolutionary fabricating process, a new fishing rod called the Glasscaster is being placed on the market by Walteo Products Co., 2300 W. 49th St., Chicago. The Walteo process fuses thousands of fine glass fibres into one flexible, translucent solid shaft of unusual toughness. Precision tapered, the solid shaft is said to combine strength with live, sensitive tip action. Glasscaster Rods come in four lengths, 3½, 4½, 5 and 5½ feet, and the price ranges from \$9.95 to \$13.95 retail. They are equipped with mirror polished stainless steel guides and bridle tip, with windings of triple-twist silk heavily lacquered. Patented pistol grip is made of handsomely polished aluminum and tenite. They are guaranteed against breakage under any fishing conditions.



UPSETTING TABLE TRADITION. Now you can get along without a salt and pepper shaker on your table, thanks to a new-type container which delivers both salt and pepper from one shaker. Called the Shake-A-Matie 2-in-1 Shaker, the new table gadget resembles the conventional type, but it has a button on the top which, when pressed, delivers either salt or pepper. Offered by the E. J. Springmeier Co., 3126 Reading Road, Cincinnati 29, Ohio, it retails for 29c.

GLASS DOES THIS, TOO. In our October issue we published an article entitled *Will Glass Do That?* telling of new developments in that ancient substance. Now there's another one. The Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Company has brought out a glass for windshields and sidelights of cars which reduces glare and heat. This new safety plate glass has a slight bluish-green tint derived from chemicals mixed with raw materials in manufacture, and it excludes more than 15 percent of the infra-red rays of sunshine without distortion of vision. The company says that it reduces drivers' eye fatigue, makes driving more comfortable on hot, sunny days, and reduces upholstery fading by shutting out a large percentage of ultra-violet rays. The name of the new product is E-Z Eye safety plate glass.

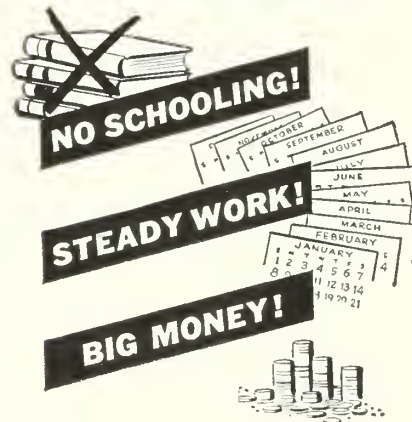
DUAL-PURPOSE GRIDDLE. A cast aluminum griddle which can be used outdoors as well as in the kitchen is the Kitch-N-Kamp just placed on the market by the H & S Metal Polishing Co., 4023 Fulton Court, Cleveland 13, Ohio. Selling for \$2.95 F.O.B., the griddle has detachable handles and comes with wire standards for outdoor use. Dimensions are 10¼ by 16 inches.

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Before the Judge could touch the knob to bring it into focus, old Windy Taylor starts fooling around with the antenna connection. "I can fix that!" he says.

Windy fixed it all right. He "stopped the show" for us, and Buzz Ellis had to come over and do a \$20 repair job. I understand now that Windy feels so bad, that he's paying the bill and has apologized to the Judge for acting so smart.

From where I sit, it pays to practice restraint whenever we get the urge to meddle. Whether it's television or a person's right to enjoy a temperate glass of sparkling beer now and then—let's get a good clear "picture" of the real situation before we cause more harm than good.

Joe Marsh



THEY ALL DID IT

They have a legend in Burnet, Texas. Says a young Burnet businessman, "When the Lord was done making the earth He had a lot of rubbish left over, so He threw it in a heap in the middle of Texas and said, 'Burn it.' But nobody ever did, so it's still there and they call it Burnet."

That story doesn't fit Burnet today, as you'll see when you read *The Story of Burnet, Texas* (page 26). There have been some amazing changes in "the Lord's rubbish heap" and all to the good. However, the old legend is a help in learning how to pronounce the name of the town. You say "Burn it" and it comes out right. Rimes with "learn it."

Not far from Burnet is Buchanan dam—which is part of our story. Buchanan, in this case, is pronounced Buck-hanan. No matter how you pronounce it, things are looking up in Burnet, and the whole story is much bigger than we could find space for. The job Burnet did involved just about everybody in town, and our first draft of the story ran well over fifty typewritten pages. We had to get that down to fourteen. Even at that size it is a whale of a story, we think.

DON'T CROSS UNCLE SAM

When Myron Stearns (*Their Eyes Are on Your Checks*, page 20) says that the postal inspectors are tough babies to fool around with, we agree. We've seen them at work, just recently. In our September issue we ran the fiction story *Man With the Glass Jaw* which we received in the mail from Alfred J. Carter. We found, in October, that the story was copied almost word-for-word from a story called *An Honorable Affair*, which appeared in the spring of 1947 in *Exciting Sports Magazine*. Harrison Hendryx wrote *An Honorable Affair*, but we paid Alfred J. Carter for the same story. Hendryx read our September issue and showed us it was his story. We told the postal inspectors. On October 15th Carter was arrested in Jersey City, N. J., and held in \$1000 bail for the federal grand jury. The charge: using the mails to defraud.

HORSE TALK

Peter Bolter had a ticklish time with horse-language in our opening article about Calumet Farm's fabulous succession of racehorses. He wasn't worried so much by the language of the race-track fan who calls the horses "oat-burners" or "gee gees" or "skinnners" or "goats." But he was tied-up a bit by the official language of the thoroughbred crowd. Bolter speaks English, and likes to write it, yet he didn't want to say anything that would have the wrong meaning in stable-talk.

Thus you will see he clumsily refers to the horse Armed "and his fellow off-

spring by Bull Lea." He means Armed's half-brothers and half-sisters with different mothers but with the great stallion Bull Lea as a common father. Horse talk wouldn't let him say "half-brothers and half-sisters." That only refers to horses having different sires but the same mare as a dam.

A "savage" is a horse that bites people, and when one is bitten by a racehorse he is "savaged."

When Bolter wanted to explain that the stallion Assault failed at stud because he was sterile, a thoroughbred specialist said, "You can't call him a stallion if he is sterile." "What is he, then?" asked Bolter, and when he got no answer he stuck to his guns. "The stallion," he says, "turned out to be sterile."

Though "quarter horse" is a common term, some may not know it is a range-country pony which is bred for a quick burst of speed, and is considered about the fastest of equines at a quarter mile. Quarter horses aren't thoroughbreds, and it's cheating to sneak one into a thoroughbred race. But they put on good shows at western fairs and informal races, as Calumet Farm's Ben Jones can testify. The word "pony" is used in different ways by different horse sects. At the track a pony is apparently any non-thoroughbred. Some of the "ponies" used around the stables are larger than the "horses."

Bolter cannot tell you how Calumet Farm has been able to hit the jackpot so neatly in its breeding of thoroughbreds, though his story tells how owner Wright avoided a lot of failure along the way.

"From what I can make out," says Bolter, "you breed a fast stallion to an enduring mare, or vice-versa, hoping to get speed and endurance in the offspring. But you may get the short-windedness of the father and the slowness of the mother. Or you may get no special running ability, but a lot of nice combinations of soulful eyes, cute ears and fancy tails. Then when you do come up with some lightning in horseflesh you may have bred out the proper temperament for racing."

BORROWED TIME

They Couldn't be Killed (page 22) by James L. Tuck will probably bring us letters from readers, with additional anecdotes for the record of men in the wars who survived when it was impossible to survive. We wonder if anyone can beat the one that happened recently, in peacetime, when a paratroop trainee fell 1,000 feet without his chute opening, landed in a plowed field and walked away.

THE FAMILY PENNIES

You may differ with Joe Armel Cross' idea of a family budget in *How to Keep Your Financial Balance* (page 16) but we believe you'll agree we could all be richer on what we're making if we tried. Meanwhile, who hasn't been fascinated by the odd pickles we can get into (or is it always someone else?) by using hazy arithmetic when we spend tomorrow's income today. The cases Cross cites seem awfully familiar to us—too familiar, it seems.

R. B. P.

1949 Was Another Good Year for Telephone Users

MORE SERVICE FOR MORE PEOPLE—Nearly 2,000,000 telephones were added to the Bell System in 1949. This meant service not only for many people who did not have a telephone before but it also increased the value and usefulness of your own particular telephone. You can call many more people—and many more can call you. There are now more than 50% more Bell telephones than at the end of the war.

BETTER LOCAL SERVICE—The over-all quality of telephone service continued to improve in 1949 and it keeps right on getting better. There's faster, clearer, more accurate service on millions of local calls.



IMPROVEMENTS IN LONG DISTANCE—Long Distance grew steadily better in 1949. The average time to complete out-of-town calls is now down to little more than a minute and a half. Nine out of ten calls go through while you hold the line. Over many routes, the Long Distance operator dials the distant telephone direct. It's faster, friendly, courteous service all the way.



CONTRIBUTION TO PROSPERITY—All of this expansion and improvement in telephone service provided work and wages for many people outside the telephone business.

More than \$1,000,000,000 was put into new facilities. Western Electric—the manufacturing unit of the Bell System—bought from 23,000 different concerns in 2500 cities and towns throughout the country.



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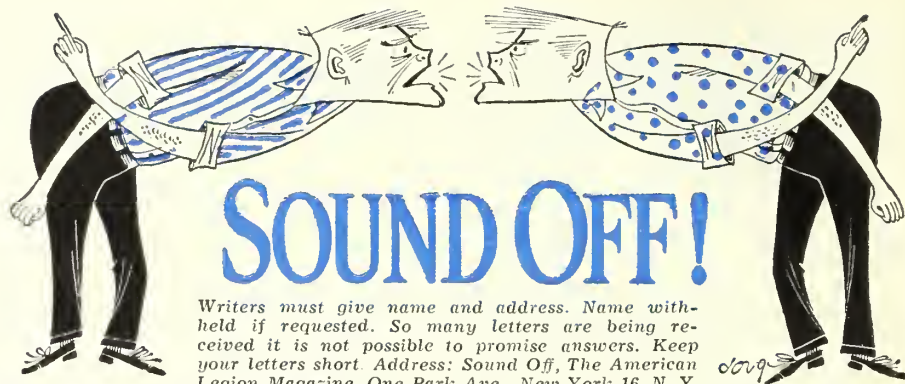
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Few articles the magazine has carried in recent months have stirred up the sort of storm caused by Harold Helfer's *What City Has the Most Pretty Girls?* in the November issue. A sampling of the letters follows:

Referring to the story in the November issue of *The American Legion Magazine* written by Harold Helfer, "What City Has the Most Pretty Girls?"

I am inclined to agree with Mr. Helfer, as I myself have had the pleasure of dating a couple of the nice peaches that live in Atlanta. Like Mr. Helfer, I, myself, have visited quite a few cities as I have been in the army for the past seven years. I must admit that on the average I have seen more pretty girls in Atlanta than any other city that I have visited.

SFC Clyde Chastain
The Chaplain School
Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

Last month I cut out your statement that Harold Helfer was going to name the city with the prettiest girls and wanted to tell you that if he did not pick Atlanta that he was wrong. I am happy that he picked the correct one. I might say that I have been as far north as Canada, as far south as Miami, as far east as Durham, N. C. and as far west as San Francisco. However, I have not been to Texas but if any Texan wishes to change my mind and would like to pay my expenses and furnish the site of my observations possibly I could change my mind. Having not spent as much time in personal research but simply observing I can't qualify as an expert. I hope to come thru Texas next year on my way to the convention.

Geo. J. Little
University, Ala.

... I noticed in the paragraphs referring to the city of New Orleans that the gentleman stated he stood on Canal Street and in the French Quarter. If he stood on Canal Street and saw only one pretty woman out of twelve, he must have been out by the L. & N. depot where the trains are continually smoking, and evidently the smoke got in his eyes. Or he was at the other end of Canal Street where the cemeteries are and where pretty women are buried, and therefore don't come walking by! ... I have traveled many cities of this grand United States and been in thirty-nine of the States, and I think that the women of New Orleans not only "stack up" as you say, but their features are impressive also. If you will

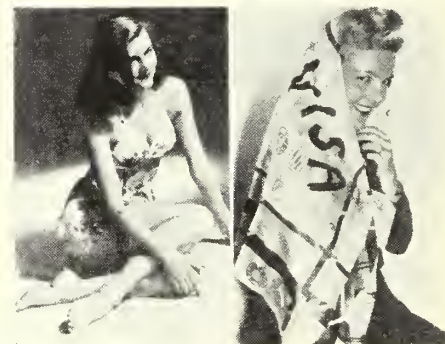
check the roster of pretty women in Hollywood you will find New Orleans girls and those from Louisiana generally are very prominently mentioned there ...

Harold J. Moore
New Orleans, La.

My father is a Legionnaire and belongs to Worcester's Post 5. We think our town has the prettiest girls. I'm considered only average, so to prove my point I'm sending you pictures of myself ...

I guess in his travels Mr. Helfer missed standing on Harrington Corner in Worcester. If he really wants to see the prettiest girls I'll take my little box camera down to Harrington Corner and prove my point.

June Raymond
Worcester, Mass.



JUNE RAYMOND

▼ June sent us half a dozen pictures and we reproduce two. These and the others rather prove the point that if June is "only average" Worcester isn't far from the top.

The Editors

Pfui on Harold Helfer!! The girls in Dallas are so attractive they turn around and stare at one another! Must admit, however, that Seattle has a couple of points!

Chester R. Underhill
State College, Pa.

Who is this guy Helfer? I'm afraid he has spent but a few fleeting moments in Dallas. He can pick his spots and perhaps he will retract. If not—he's blind.

Paul B. Crawshaw
Dallas, Tex.

Where are the prettiest girls? I have been to more places than Harold Helfer has read about and I have also noticed

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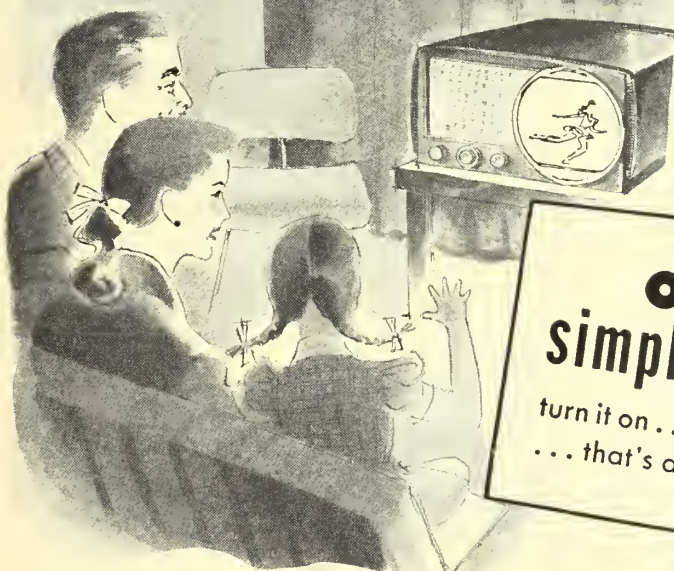
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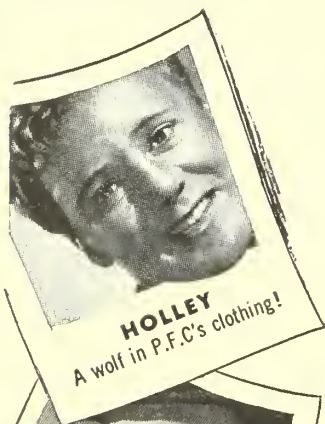
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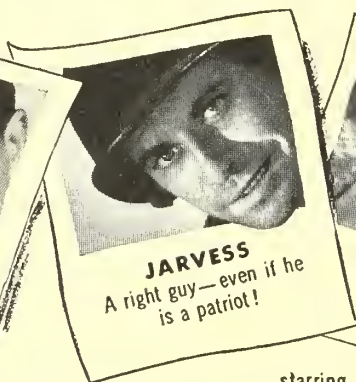
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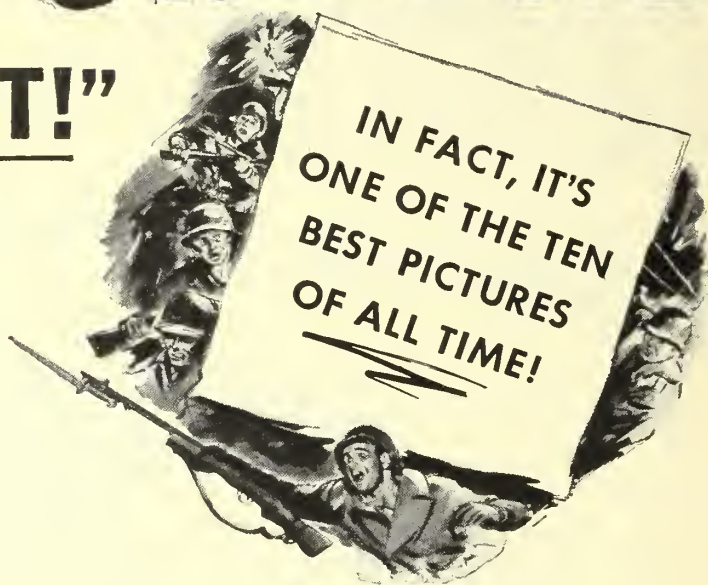
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BULL LEA, fabulous stallion whose offspring have won nearly five million dollars, surveys Calumet Farm

CAN CALUMET DO IT AGAIN ?

Don't bet on it—but the form chart says the greatest stable in horseracing has the stuff to keep going a while longer

By PETER BOLTER

PHOTOS BY BERT CLARK THAYER

S AID A CIGAR-CHEWING man in the grandstand at Long Island's Belmont Park racetrack one day last October: "If I had a hundred thousand dollars I'd put it all on Coaltown in this next race and make myself a quick ten thousand."

The man had something there. Four-year-old Coaltown was a good horse, so good that you had to place ten dollars on him to hope to win one. The long, low-built, almost-black colt from Kentucky's Calumet Farm had beaten his stablemate, Ponder, last time out on August 20. In so doing he had run a mile in one minute thirty-four seconds flat, break-



PONDER, after winning Calumet's fourth Kentucky Derby last spring. Ben Jones proudly holds horse as jockey Steve Brooks accepts wreath of roses

Can Calumet Do It Again?

ing Equipoise's sixteen-year-old world record.

Now, at Belmont, Coaltown was entered in the third running of The Sysonby Mile. Even if you consider that Coaltown sometimes tries too hard if pressed by another good horse, you'd like him because he's a Calumet Farm horse. Previous winners of this Sysonby Mile had been Armed in 1947 and Citation in 1948. Like Coaltown, both were owned by Warren Wright and handled by Ben and Jimmy Jones, part of the human team at Calumet Farm.

The record says that our friend with the cigar would have lost his hundred thousand.

There was another good horse in the Sysonby Mile. It was Greentree Stable's Capot, ridden by crack jockey Teddy Atkinson. Atkinson kept Capot even with jockey Steve Brooks on Coaltown from the start to the last turn. Coaltown over-stretched himself on the soft track and lost his second race in fourteen starts to that date in 1949. The actual betting pool on the race was small, \$43,501. Of this, \$32,321 was lost on Coaltown.

But you can't blame the bettors too much for flying in the face of odds on a Calumet horse. In that twenty-day racing meet at Belmont, Calumet entries won almost everything they went after. True, two-year-old Theory was only second in the Futurity to Greentree's Guillotine. But Theory came

back on the last day of the meet to win the Champagne Stakes and \$23,150. On the same day Ponder won the second biggest stakes of the meeting, worth \$36,300 to Calumet Farm.

Earlier, trainer Jimmy Jones entered horses in four races for Calumet in one day and watched all four win. They were Ponder, Theory, Sunlit (another two-year-old) and In The

Pink, a five-year-old Calumet Farm mare.

Calumet's record over the past nine years had followed the pattern of that brief Belmont meeting. Other stable owners read the record and weep. Sports-writers look at it and attempt to explain how come one stable can hog the big stakes so exclusively in any sport as chance-ridden as thoroughbred racing.

No stable except Calumet has ever won a million dollars in one year. Calumet did it in 1947, again in 1948 and was over a million again by the first week in September 1949.

Theoretically it is a long time be-



MEN of the Jones Gang. Charles Martin ("Slow") a groom with Ben Jones 25 years; Jake Hizar, stable foreman, 25 years, and Dan Barnett, 10 years

tween Kentucky Derby winners at any one stable. You can only enter a horse once, for the Derby is limited to three-year-olds. Calumet horses won it in 1941, again in 1944, took first and second in 1948, and won again in 1949. No other racing stable has ever won

"GIMME a chance to grow and maybe I can win you a million. I feel it in my blood"



the Derby four times in the 75-year history of this classic American race.

Of the thirty-five top money-winning thoroughbreds of all time eight are Calumet horses, six of which were still in training during 1949. As of November first they ranked this way:

2nd Citation	\$865,150
3rd Armed	807,445
5th Whirlaway	561,161
11th Coaltown	380,775
16th Bewitch	357,075
22nd Fervent	329,685
24th Ponder	322,225
32nd Faultless	304,945

Many a wealthy stable feels it has had a bright year if its whole string wins \$225,000 in one season. (A losing proposition for a big outfit.) All of Ponder's winnings except \$400 were won in 1949.

There are a lot of good stud horses, but Calumet has the best. One Calumet stallion, Bull Lea, is the sire of Citation, Armed, Coaltown, Bewitch and Faultless — all among the top thirty-five money winners of all time!

Warren Wright bought Bull Lea in 1936 for \$14,000 — as a yearling. Bull Lea won a few stakes races and was tried out at stud in 1940. His advertised stud fee that year was \$1,500. Early in 1943, just before his first crop of Calumet foals raced, Bull Lea's stud fee had dropped to \$250, a measure of the little faith other stables had in him.

In 1948 sixty-three of Bull Lea's offspring were place-winners in thoroughbred races, taking 147 firsts, 96 seconds and 92 thirds. Not all of these were Calumet horses, since Bull Lea's services could be hired out by other stables (at \$5,000 a sire by then) or in exchange for stud services from other stallions. Late in 1949 Bull Lea's offspring had won over 4½ million dollars! Today, says racing manager Ben Jones, Calumet is of mind to keep Bull Lea's blood strictly at home.

Like other good stallions, 15-year-old Bull Lea has an easy time in the bluegrass and meets his responsibilities by fathering about forty foals a year. He could be good for five or six years more in stud. (Continued on page 39)



OFFICE OF CALUMET FARM near Lexington, Kentucky, with stallion barn attached. Pensive is dead, but barn still houses Bull Lea, Whirlaway, Sun Again and others. Paul Ebelhardt manages farm, and Margaret Glass is Calumet's office manager



A MOMENT in history. Calumet's Whirlaway becomes first horse to win half-million dollars by beating Alsab in Jockey Gold Cup race at Belmont Park, October 3, 1942



CALUMET'S Armed, with jockey Dodson up, in winners' circle after a victory



PENSIVE, '44 Derby winner. His son Theory is '50 hopeful. Son Ponder won in '49



LEFT, Jimmy Jones. Best trainer alive? Right, Citation. Greatest horse ever?



"SLOW" leads Coaltown, mile record holder, to post. Steve Brooks up

WARREN WRIGHT (below with Mrs. Wright) used sound business methods to build Calumet Farm from scratch since '32





THIS TONGAN patriarch had his own way of showing he liked the U.S.A.



HE NAMED his daughter Lovely America. The little girl, in white, is at the right of Mrs. Schram. The feast was another mark of appreciation on the part of the Polynesians



We DISCOVERED AMERICA ABROAD

By VION and BERNARD SCHRAM

They were cynical when they left
the U.S.A., but 30,000 miles later they had an
entirely new outlook on their native land



CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS voyaged only 3,000 miles to accomplish what took us over 30,000 miles — the discovery of America.

We had to travel ten times as far as Columbus did, through 17 countries, before we found the meaning of our own homeland.

A little over a year ago we were a typical, happily-married young American couple in a midwestern city. We had a comfortable apartment, a car, an annual vacation, and a host of friends pretty much like ourselves. On the surface, we had everything to make us satisfied.

Yet, we were wildly restless and discontented, in a way that only young Americans can be.

It expressed itself in a dozen different ways. Although we had absolutely no reason for feeling superior to anybody, we began to assume a condescending attitude toward the familiar things around us. We spurned traditional American food for exotic foreign dishes. We sneered at the "provincialism" of our friends who were rabid baseball fans. We even thought the politics and manners of our country showed a lack of sophistication and maturity.

And we came easily and eagerly to the conclusion that we needed a change in order to "find ourselves."

So we took stock: We had a small but successful public relations business with an income many young couples would have envied. We had a tidy sum of money saved, sufficient to indulge our travel urge or to finance a vine-covered cottage — but not both. We had to face the alternatives of settling down to justify our classification as a "promising young couple" or chuck it all to chase a will-o'-the-wisp neither of us could understand or was able to define.

The big decision was made one night as we sat before the fire talking. It had been one of those tough days at the office when everything seemed to go wrong. We had just had another fight with the landlord about the falling plaster in the bathroom. The newspaper headlines screamed of new trouble between Russia and the Western Powers. To us, at the moment, everything seemed disturbed and crazy, on the verge of going to pieces — ourselves included.

We spoke together as though the words were part of a rehearsed routine: "Let's get out of here!"

That broke the ice. With eager impatience, we wound up the business we had worked so hard to establish; we sublet the apartment, and gave ourselves a farewell party where friends alternated between calling us



IN TEL AVIV they found this boy who told them why the Jews were grateful

"nuts" and turning green with envy.

When it was all over and the die completely cast, we were both a little scared. Just the thought of leaving America is an exciting and frightening thing, especially when you don't know where you're going or why.

We wanted to go everywhere at once, and each pink, yellow or green patch on the map seemed to shout some special reason for making it our destination. Hollywood and a whole string of novelists from Herman Melville to Somerset Maugham were probably responsible for our heading toward the South Seas.

If we hadn't been so thrilled with anticipation as the plane headed out over the gleaming Pacific, we might have recognized an early symptom of what we took a year to learn. We were like spectators at a tennis match — heads swiveling back and forth, watching the coast of America recede, then staring at the endless ocean ahead. Although it was months before we got around to mentioning it, each of us had at that moment a curious qualm of doubt which we quickly choked down. Thousands of butterflies were fluttering inside us. We held hands tightly without a word to say.

Hawaii, America's own frontyard tropic isle, was everything the travel folders promised — palm trees, lapping waves, moonlit nights. It was also a busy, enterprising American place in which tourists were just another of the big businesses that bring prosperity to the islanders. So we spent our two weeks there torn between enjoyment of azure skies and pounding surf, and impatience to be on to scenes where none of the familiar remained.

It was in Fiji — that chain of bright green land dots once known as the Cannibal Isles — where our education began.

We were the only passengers on a tiny copra ketch manned by grinning black giants whose grandfathers had regarded tourists as food rather than



THIS FIJIAN sailor talked about GIs. "All drink, all crazy, and all rich"

guests. We were many miles from any white people. Picturesque villages of thatched huts clustered on the shores of passing islands. Muscular, dark natives stood in the bows of outrigger canoes with fish spears poised. Naked children splashed noisily through the green waters of the reef. Everything we knew and had tired of was far behind, almost forgotten.

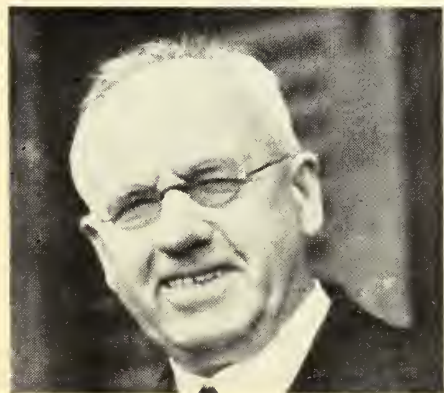
Suddenly America reached out to touch us from an unexpected source.

The heavy, sweetish smell of dried cocoanut hung around us as we sat on the deck with one of the sailors. He was clad only in the gaily colored wrap-around skirt Fijians call a *sulu*. In quaint English, he was telling us of the days when thousands of Yank soldiers and sailors spent grim months in Fiji before going on to Guadalcanal, Tarawa and New Guinea.

"All named OK Joe," he declared. "All drink, all crazy, all rich."

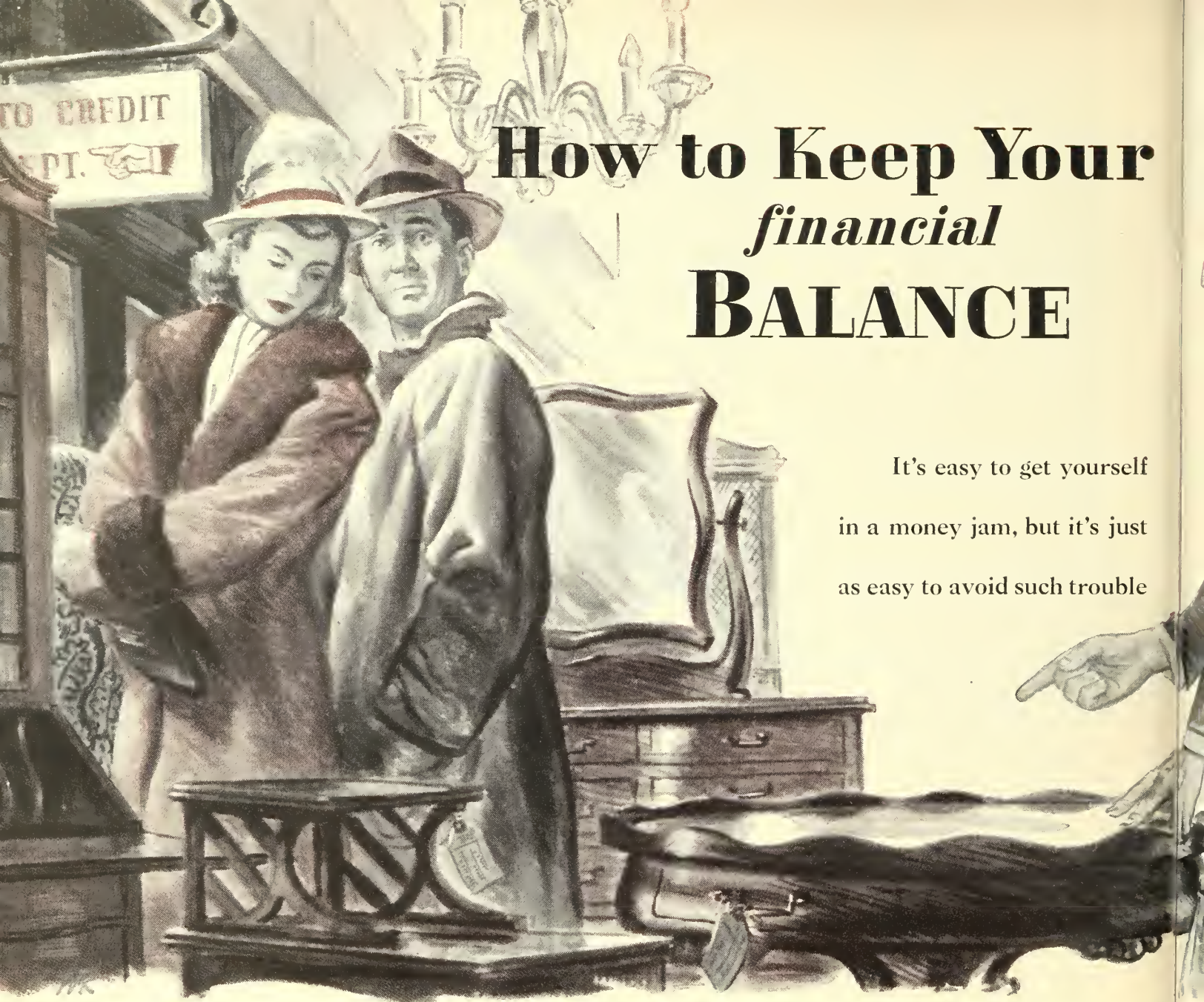
We felt a surge of distaste. An embarrassed apology was on our lips when the moonlight struck his face. His expression was not critical; instead, it was profoundly admiring. That look immediately stilled the words we were about to speak, and it transformed (Continued on page 58)

THE TRIP wasn't all interviews. Here Mrs. Schram does some New Zealand sightseeing



PRIME MINISTER Frazer of New Zealand told how the young people were leaving home





How to Keep Your *financial* BALANCE

It's easy to get yourself
in a money jam, but it's just
as easy to avoid such trouble

THE PATH to the credit office was lined with tempting items, and a salesman was ready for those who hesitated

By JOE ARMEL CROSS

PEOPLE ARE ALL THE TIME getting into jams because they don't keep their financial balance—that is, they don't keep their income balanced with their outgo.

Take the case of a young man we'd better call Charlie. A few years ago he was working as a salesman in Fred's Radio Store. Charlie made thirty dollars in good weeks, and twenty dollars other weeks. But he was the quiet, hard-working type; he was reliable and honest, and his boss liked him.

One day Fred got a nasty surprise when a local jewelry store slapped a garnishee on Charlie's salary—that meant Fred had to hold out ten per-

cent of the kid's pay each week, and send it to the local Marshal's office to pay off a debt that Charlie had run up at the jewelry store.

Fred couldn't quite see why things like garnishees and other legal black-jacks were necessary, so he called up the jeweler and said, in effect, "Look, I know Charlie pretty well. He's worked for me for quite a long time and I'd like to straighten this business out. How much does he owe you?" The other said, "Forty-five dollars. It's the unpaid balance on a ring that he bought for his girl friend." "Okay," answered Fred, "let's fix this up between us, without going to law about it. I like Charlie and I trust him."

"Maybe you do," snapped the jeweler, "but I don't. He's a bad actor,

and this isn't the first time I've had trouble making him pay up."

That statement started Fred on a check-up round-up, and he found out plenty. Charlie had begun borrowing from loan-sharks—then he had to go on borrowing from other loan-sharks to keep up the interest payments to the first group. His salary didn't even cover the interest.

Then somehow he had managed to buy a car on time. He made pretty good use of the car. First he borrowed money on it, and raised a little capital that way. Then he sold the car, and raised more money on it. That this was highly illegal apparently hadn't even occurred to him.

In one way and another Charlie was in the tank to a depth of more than four thousand dollars.

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round numbers, she had fewer errors; but the most important thing was that she always had a little more in her account than her running total showed. So she had a pleasant surprise, rather than trouble, when she looked at her bank statement each month. Maybe that's a typically feminine way of handling the situation. But for Mary, it works.

A common way that people find themselves taking a header off that financial tightrope is in falling for what the Better Business Bureau calls 'Bait Advertising.' You see an advertisement that says, approximately, "Furnish Your Three Room Apartment Completely for only One Hundred and Fifty Dollars!!!" Then follows a list of pieces of furniture and accessories that come with this incredible bargain. It looks pretty complete. Right away some of us fall for it. "Why," they tell themselves, or their wives, or their husbands, "that's less than we thought it would cost to furnish one room! Getting the other two rooms of furniture as well—why, that's just like getting something for nothing!"

That's just what it's meant to sound like. Actually, of course, people in business are in business to make money—not to lose it by giving something for nothing. Anybody who follows up an ad like that is going to find one of two things: either the store is using the ad as bait to get you to come in, so some smooth salesman can sell you something else at a far higher price; or the furniture offered is of inferior material and poor workmanship.

Oh, sometimes the furniture looks pretty good in the store. But when you've signed a receipt for it, and ac-

tually got it in your home, it can begin falling apart almost while you look at it. This is because the furniture you received was not the same as the handsome, well-made bait that sat on the display floor. Better look at that receipt you signed so carelessly. You'll almost certainly find that you have accepted delivery for the furniture they sent you, not the stuff that you saw in the store.

Of course, this last is a pretty raw swindle. Another subtler and incidentally quite a legal way of getting you in over your head is the "Add-On Sale." Certain doubtful credit houses have been flourishing for years on this one.

Take the case of Betty and Sam. They're newlyweds without much money, and they've furnished their home on time. They got pretty good value from the credit-furniture house too, so they feel happy. They don't see anything odd in the fact that the store insists that they make their monthly payments in person, at the credit window at the back of the sales floor.

The trick here is that the path to the payment window is lined with attractive pieces of furniture. So one day Betty, who handles these cash payments, stops on the way to the window to look at a striking coffee-table. Right away a salesman, who has been poised like a hawk, just waiting for this, is down on her, all smiles and personality.

Betty asks the price, and it's rather more than she thinks she and Sam can afford, but the man with the order-book quickly takes care of that. "Let's see," he says, "how much are you paying now?" "Twenty-four fifty a month," (Continued on page 48)



Charlie's a fine example of a guy who couldn't keep his financial balance. When he started, he had no intention of getting himself into a tangle like that. He just didn't look ahead.

As an example of somebody who *did* have a way to keep her balance in the money department, take Mary. She had a little personal service checking account. Unfortunately, her addition wasn't very good, and time after time she'd make a mistake with the running total of her account that she kept in her check-book. Result, she'd run into trouble at the end of the month when there wasn't enough in the bank to cover a check she had issued.

But Mary figured a way out. Every time she made out a check for, say, ten dollars and fourteen cents, she'd write in the amount on check stub as the next higher whole dollar, in this case, eleven dollars. So, dealing in

FINALLY she worked out a system that meant money in the bank



A Date with A SOLDIER

The Captain of Military Police would not accept the pretty WAC's explanations when he took charge of her love affair on the road to the Battle of the Bulge

lowing his silly-sounding instructions. "It wasn't the Dodgers, so I wouldn't know," said the driver, looking straight through the windshield.

"Let's see your travel orders, wise guy."

The driver produced a wad of folded papers.

"This says you and the jeep are okay," the corporal said, "but there's nothing about carrying WAC passengers."

There was a moment of silence. The girl did not move. Finally the driver said: "We ran into a wind storm about thirty miles back. Her travel orders blew out of the jeep."

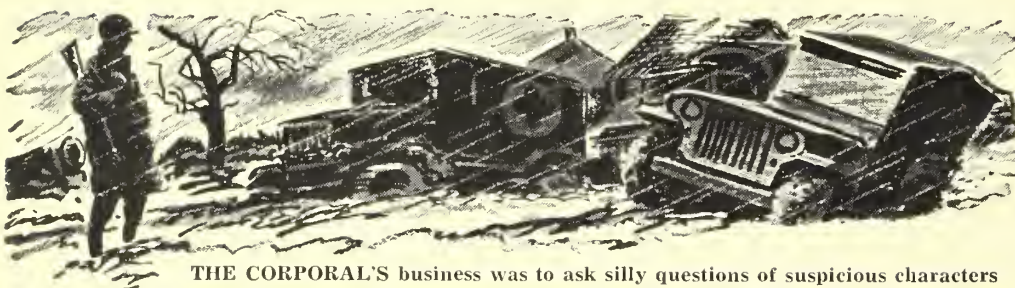
"Nuts!" said Corporal Dunn. "Pull up over there and tell that to the C.O."

The command post of Captain Steel's company of military police was the back room of the village bistro. The air was heavy with the warm smell of a kerosene stove, stale tobacco smoke, and the steaming reek of wet uniforms. Captain Steel sat behind a rickety, paper-strewn table, flanked by his adjutant and four clerks. His temples were grayer than one might expect of a captain in this young man's war, and his eyes were more kindly and understanding than one might expect of a military police officer. As he listened to Corporal Dunn, he buttoned the top button of his blouse and subjected T/3 Helen Bayliss to a thorough but not unsympathetic scrutiny.

The WAC was rather a plain-looking girl. Her hair, which curled slightly around the edges of her garrison cap, was of a nondescript brown. Her features were completely unremarkable. Yet she seemed to diffuse an aura of intangible beauty that was more than the fresh bloom of youth. Her plainness was transfigured by a radiant happiness, a shining loveliness that only a great love can give to a woman. Her gray eyes were luminous with the deep fire of exquisite memory, smoldering with the anticipation of an exciting new world that was just beginning.

"So you lost your travel orders," said Captain Steel.

"No, sir, I (Continued on page 52)



THE CORPORAL'S business was to ask silly questions of suspicious characters

By LAWRENCE G. BLOCHMAN

MUD SUCKED at the ankles of Corporal Eddie Dunn as he peered at the tangle of stalled traffic on the Verdun road. Ten miles of trucks, weapons carriers, and empty ambulances, all bound for the southern hinge of the Luxemburg breakthrough, were backed up into the night behind the great centipede of a tank-carrier that had somehow wedged itself across the road. The helpless monster was not Corporal Dunn's business; a wrecker would soon haul it into the fields. The corporal's business was to ask silly questions of suspicious characters. And since the start of the Rundstedt flap, with all of France jittery over reports that the Germans had dropped captured jeeps behind the lines, complete with English-speaking squareheads in G.I. uniforms, practically everybody was suspicious.

A jeep came slithering around the end of the tank-carrier and skidded to a stop a few feet from the towering figure of Corporal Dunn, Military Police. The corporal's drab helmet glistened in the rain-streaked darkness

as he ambled over to the jeep. He poked his flashlight through a gap in the storm curtains and was surprised to see a girl sitting next to the driver. The dim blue glow of his blackout light told him little about the girl except that she wore a garrison cap and a WAC utility coat. But as there were no WACs east of Chalons, Corporal Dunn remembered his orders about suspicious characters.

"Name and rank, honey child," he said.

"Helen Bayliss, T/3," the girl replied.

"Where you from, back home?"

"Indiana. Franklin, Indiana."

The flat, unresonant voice was convincing. But Corporal Dunn had specific orders.

"Where and when did the little lamb follow Mary?" he asked.

"It followed her to school one day, you dope," the girl said.

The jeep driver snickered.

"And you, soldier?" the corporal asked. "Where you from?"

"Brooklyn," said the driver.

"Who won the National League pennant this year." The corporal was fol-

A BLUE DRESS flashed.
"Why are you out of uni-
form?" the captain asked



Their Eyes are on YOUR CHECKS



This is a posed picture but it happens every day. Mailbox thieves don't ply their trade long, thanks to the Postal Inspection Service

Government checks have a great attraction for crooks. Here is how you can co-operate with the postal authorities to stop these criminals

By MYRON STEARNS

AN EASY DOOR to crime is stealing and cashing a government check. With a huge new avalanche of nearly three billion dollars' worth of insurance checks now starting to roll to more than 15 million veterans, there are going to be a lot of added opportunities to open it. Although the Government is taking elaborate precautions to safeguard the whole enormous issue, from pulp mill to payee, until the checks are delivered, thousands of them are then going to fall into the wrong hands and make a lot of trouble.

For example: A 16-year-old Chicago girl stole, endorsed, and cashed a government check for \$36 that one of her mother's lodgers had left lying around. It was the most, and easiest, money she had ever had. She was



THE TELLER not only accepted the swindler's identification but held it up as a model

quickly caught, convicted, and given a suspended sentence. She intended to stay honest, but after a few months it was just too easy to do the same thing again. Presently, she spent a term in a woman's reformatory. At 23, running with a young hoodlum, she stole three \$100 government bonds, again from one of her mother's lodgers. Putting on a cadet nurse's uniform she

cashed them at a bank, after having her boy-friend sign an identification slip she gave him as "Donald L. Wolper, Director." The teller merely checked to see that the hospital's director was Donald L. Wolper, and gave her the money. She's now doing a long term as a confirmed criminal.

Unless you have happened to come in contact with Postal Inspectors, you have no idea how thorough and efficient the protection given all mail by the Post Office Inspection Service is. Particularly, valuable mail like government checks. From the moment the checks are received until they are delivered to the addressees, the inspection service detectives—for that, among other things, is exactly what they are—are on the job.

To begin with, even applicants for inspectors' jobs must have already completed at least four years with the Post Office department. That gives their superiors a pretty good chance to size them up and pass on their qualifications. Only the pick of the applicants are chosen; then they get rapid training as apprentices with older officers who have already become experts. Jesse M. Donaldson, Postmaster General and a cabinet officer consulting regularly with the President of the United States, was for years a postal inspector.

Chief aim of the Postal Inspection Service is to guard mail, including government checks, by preventing crime. Each mail clerk, every post-office employee, is investigated, fingerprinted, and bonded. This is true even of temporary help who are taken from approved substitute lists. If as much as a letter is taken, penalties run up to fines of \$2000, with five years in prison, for each item. In every big post office or sorting room there are "look-out galleries"—which may be no more than a small opening in the wall of an upper room—from which inspectors can watch everyone and everything in the big room below. Instead of this being a secret, there are reminders of it given from time to time, and the inspectors themselves make a point of being around whenever complaints and conditions make it necessary. And just as police will frequently arrest a criminal on suspicion because he has what they call the "wrong look," a watchful inspector learns to detect, at a glance, the small irregularities in sorting or handling mail that bring a man under suspicion almost as soon as he becomes conscious of any bad intentions himself.

In spite of all this, once in a while—less than one employee in a thousand—someone will go wrong. In one case, for instance, a lot of forged government checks began to turn up in one of the

New York areas served by a branch post office. Inspectors, and Secret Service men who come in as soon as a check is forged, presently came to the conclusion that mail was disappearing right from the branch office itself. The unseen lookouts watched every clerk and carrier intently, without being able to spot anything definite. But they noticed that one carrier, sorting mail for his route, was out of their sight for a moment every now and then as he passed behind a pillar.



ONE CHECK THIEF used his knowledge of olive oil to throw Italian storekeepers off guard. How could a man who knew so much about olive oil be a criminal?

He always appeared again immediately, with mail still in his hand as before, but the inspectors decided to ask him a few questions. Waiting until after he had finished his deliveries, two of them stepped toward him on the sidewalk. Indifferently, as if it were merely an absent-minded thing to do, he threw away a newspaper he was carrying. One of the inspectors picked it up: inside it were more than a dozen unopened government envelopes, each containing a check. He had been stacking them, one by one, in the newspaper each time he passed behind the column.

It is expected that patrons will provide receptacles which will afford protection to their mail. On rural routes as many as five families may use the same box; the carrier is not supposed to leave mail for anyone else there. Landlords, in city apartment houses, are supposed to keep the postboxes in repair.

But once the delivery has been made, it is up to the addressee. This is where the big trouble usually starts.

ILLUSTRATED BY KEN FAGG

This is where the thief gets his big chance; the easier the theft, the greater the temptation.

In the hallways of city lodging-houses, for example, mail is often left lying on a table or chest in the hallway. Easily-recognized brown government envelopes are in plain sight, unguarded, for anyone who is dishonest enough to pick one up.

Although fear of Uncle Sam, "The Old Man With The Whiskers," stops most people from slitting a mail sack,

or even touching anything in a regular mailbox, the temptation of a brown envelope with a check in it, left lying around anywhere—on a hotel bureau, on the seat of an automobile, in the pocket of a coat left hanging on a lunch-room hook—is an entirely different thing. And once a check has been stolen and successfully turned into easy money, taking another from an apartment-house mailbox, or even a rural route box, becomes much easier. Even amateur check-snatchers soon learn to follow a mailman along the street, and drop into tenement vestibules after he has gone, to see what may be picked up while no one is watching. Following a country carrier along his rural route is a good deal more noticeable, but even that has been done too many times to be funny. A roadside mailbox that opens at a touch, out of sight of the farmhouse and with no one watching, is easily rifled.

In cities, a check-thief soon becomes an expert at getting into locked mailboxes. A small jimmy, or almost any thin steel bar (Continued on page 42)



They Couldn't BE KILLED

Nobody could possibly live through experiences like these – but these men did. However, you will have to figure out for yourself what saved them from death

By JAMES L. TUCK

WHEN A WAR CORRESPONDENT sent his paper the story of Captain Francis McManus, a Marine pilot, attached to Fighter Squadron 461, the paper promptly sent him a succinct message. "Don't believe it. Explain."

Captain McManus' story was simple. He had been flying a Corsair on a sweep near Savo Island. A Zero plunged out of the sun with guns chattering and the Corsair exploded. McManus didn't waste time. He bailed out at 2,800 feet and pulled his ripcord.

But nothing happened and he plunged into the Pacific in a free fall. A PT boat rushed over to investigate and to their amazement McManus was floating around yelling to be picked up. He had broken one leg and had a burn on his fanny.

"I landed on one of those big cresting swells and slid downhill and underwater a mile a minute," he explained later.

And that summed it up. The correspondent's reply to his paper said, "Nobody believes it. He was lucky."

Luck was probably GI Joe's favorite four-letter word. It's the only explanation for some of the most incredible

CAPTAIN WOOD found himself standing on the ground holding the stick of his demolished plane. Two German soldiers rushed up and grabbed his pistol





THE SMALL PLANE inched up directly beneath Osipoff and the whirling propeller cut through the lines

and miraculous experiences of World War II. It's a taboo word for the citation writers and Headquarters clerks. But an awful lot of guys remember looking the Grim Reaper right smack in the eye to emerge triumphant from their encounter with death.

Take the case of Lieutenant Commander Robert Golhring, Executive officer on the Coastguard Cutter

LIBBY WOKE UP and found a German tank bearing down on him. It passed over

Duane. The cutter was pounding through a freezing, stormy pitchblack night in December of 1943, while on weather patrol in the middle of the North Atlantic. Golhring worked his way aft to check on some gear loosened by the cutter's pounding. Suddenly the ship was swept by a giant wave which washed him overboard.

A half hour later he was missed. The Skipper ordered the Cutter turned about to retrace its course knowing the odds were a million to one that Golhring was drowned or frozen. But a few minutes after the turn another wave pounded aboard the Duane and right on top of it was Golhring alive and kicking.

Almost every soldier carried some sort of good luck charm. Horseshoes, a lock of a loved one's hair, four-leaf clovers, Honeybunch's nylon stockings or unmentionables and even live pets and mascots were felt to be imbued with some special protective quality.

ILLUSTRATED BY JOEL KING

Captain Reynolds Moody was convinced that parrots were his lucky totem and the first thing he did when he was assigned to Scout Bombing Squadron 144 on New Georgia Island late in 1943, was to catch and cage a couple of gaudy specimens.

"My luck started the next day," Moody stated. "But it was all bad. I woke up with a bad case of dysentery, cut myself while shaving and missed breakfast. Taking off for a bombing strike my plane caught on fire twice. When I finally got off the ground I nearly smashed a mast off one of the ships in the harbor. My wingman was shot down in our attack. When I went into my dive the controls stuck and I just managed to pull the ship out. The plane was riddled from my own bomb burst.

"Then my engine conked out at about 25 feet above the beach. The plane dropped like a stone, scattering Japs all over the place, then bounced into the air (Continued on page 61)

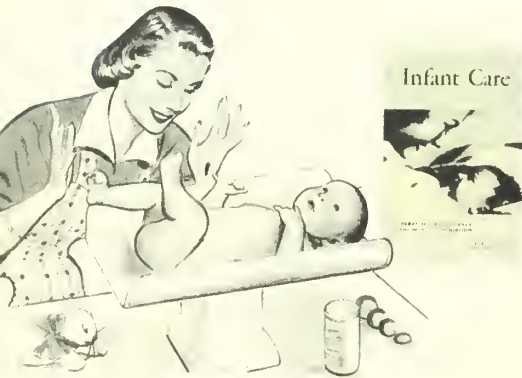


What Do You WANT TO KNOW?

The Government Printing Office can answer almost any question you can ask, and the books they offer can be bought for just a few pennies

By JACK DENTON SCOTT

NOT LONG AGO the Superintendent of Documents, big wheel of the world's largest bookstore, the Government Printing Office in Washington, D. C., received a letter that rocked him back in his padded office chair.



MILLIONS of mothers have learned how to bring up their babies from "Infant Care"

"Dear Sir," the letter read, "I'm having trouble with my girl, and I'm hoping that you can help me out. Here's the story: Every night when I want to take her out she tells me that she'd rather stay home and read. This I don't like. Book competition is tough. But anyway I'd like to make sure she gets the high type reading material she deserves.

"So would you kindly send her *Our Constitution and Government*, *Growing Annual Flowering Plants, Fish and Shellfish of South Atlantic and Gulf Coasts*, *A Practical Spanish Grammar for Border Patrol Officers*, *National Income and Product Statistics of the United States*, and a dozen more of your own selection.

"I am enclosing my check for \$2.70, or fifteen cents for each book that you send. I'd appreciate it if you'd hurry on this order. If my girl wants to stay in and read, I'd like to make sure that she doesn't run out of reading material."

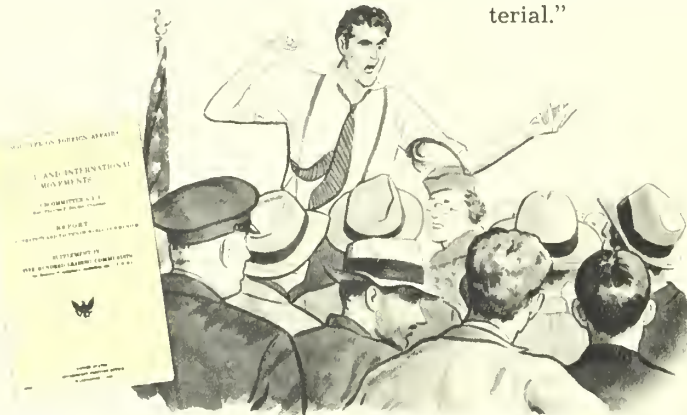
Two weeks later, the Superintendent of Documents received a wire. "Thanks," it read. "My girl don't stay in and read any more. I owe it all to your interesting publications."

This isn't exactly the type of anecdote they like to give out in the Government Printing Office. They like to feel that their service over the years has been of a different and more beneficial sort.

With the yearly record of 30,000,000 sales of more than 70,000 titles of books and booklets that are of a definitely helpful nature, perhaps the Superintendent of Documents, Roy B. Eastin, has something to talk about.

This Woolworth of the Booklets has clinked about \$2,156,379 in nickels and dimes into the cash registers of the United States Government Printing Office so far this year. It is one of the few government agencies that actually makes a profit. To date in 1949, he has sold 33,000,000 copies of his little books, and distributed 100,621,205 copies to depository libraries—a record few book publishers or sellers can equal.

Known in Washington as The Government Book Store, Mr. Eastin's Documents Division was created by the Printing Act of January 1, 1895. It superseded the office of the Superintendent of Documents in the Department of the Interior. Through sales, contributions to depository libraries and distribution of copies for the vari-



IF YOU WANT to know who's who among the red brethren, you can find out from the booklet "Five Hundred Leading Communists"



YOU CAN DO a lot of improving with the aid of GPO booklets. A popular title is "Planning the Expansible House"

ROY EASTIN, SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS, WHOSE BEST-SELLERS ARE READ BY MILLIONS



ous issuing departments, its principal function is the dissemination of information contained in government documents.

However, among the 70,000 titles on the books in the shelves in the Government Book Store, are thousands that are of inestimable benefit to just about every American. Mr. Eastin makes the claim that his organization has a book to solve any problem.

This writer had a problem. A friend gave him two pure-bred Yorkshire pigs. He fenced them in, built them a house, then wondered what he was going to feed them. A few books on raising pigs borrowed from the village library gave him a little help. Still doubtful, he approached a farmer.

ILLUSTRATED BY GEORGE WITHERS

"Feed 'em corn or a regular pork builder you get at the feed stores. No garbage. Garbage makes the meat soft and flabby. Spoils it."

This came as a shock. Within a few weeks the writer had spent more on pig food than he thought economical. Then one day he noticed a placard tacked on the crowded bulletin board at the post office. "Have you a hobby?" it read, "Need help? Send to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C. We have books for every hobby."

Doubtful, he wrote the Printing Office in Washington. Back came a book. *Raising Swine*, and a bill for 15 cents. Well written by experts of the Department of Agriculture, the book

made note of the fact that it was safe and good business to feed clean garbage. The farmer was wrong; the pork was delicious, and an odd problem was solved for 15 cents.

Frank Scoppa, busy advertising art director, and ex-air-corps lieutenant, from Mount Kisco, New York, decided that he was going to build himself a house. He approached architects and contractors, and found that their services were somewhat beyond his reach. A friend of his who had just whipped a sheep breeding problem by referring to the Superintendent of Documents and a book, *How To Raise Sheep*, discovering that the reason his clover-fed lambs and sheep weren't getting fat was because they had stomach worms, tipped Scoppa off. This invaluable consultation cost him 15 pennies. Scoppa had to pay more. He bought *Planning The Expansible House* for 20 cents, hired a couple of local carpenters, and saved himself approximately five thousand dollars. His book included six schemes for "houses that grow," gave steps of construction and complete information on how to plan the house so additions could be made to suit the family pocketbook.

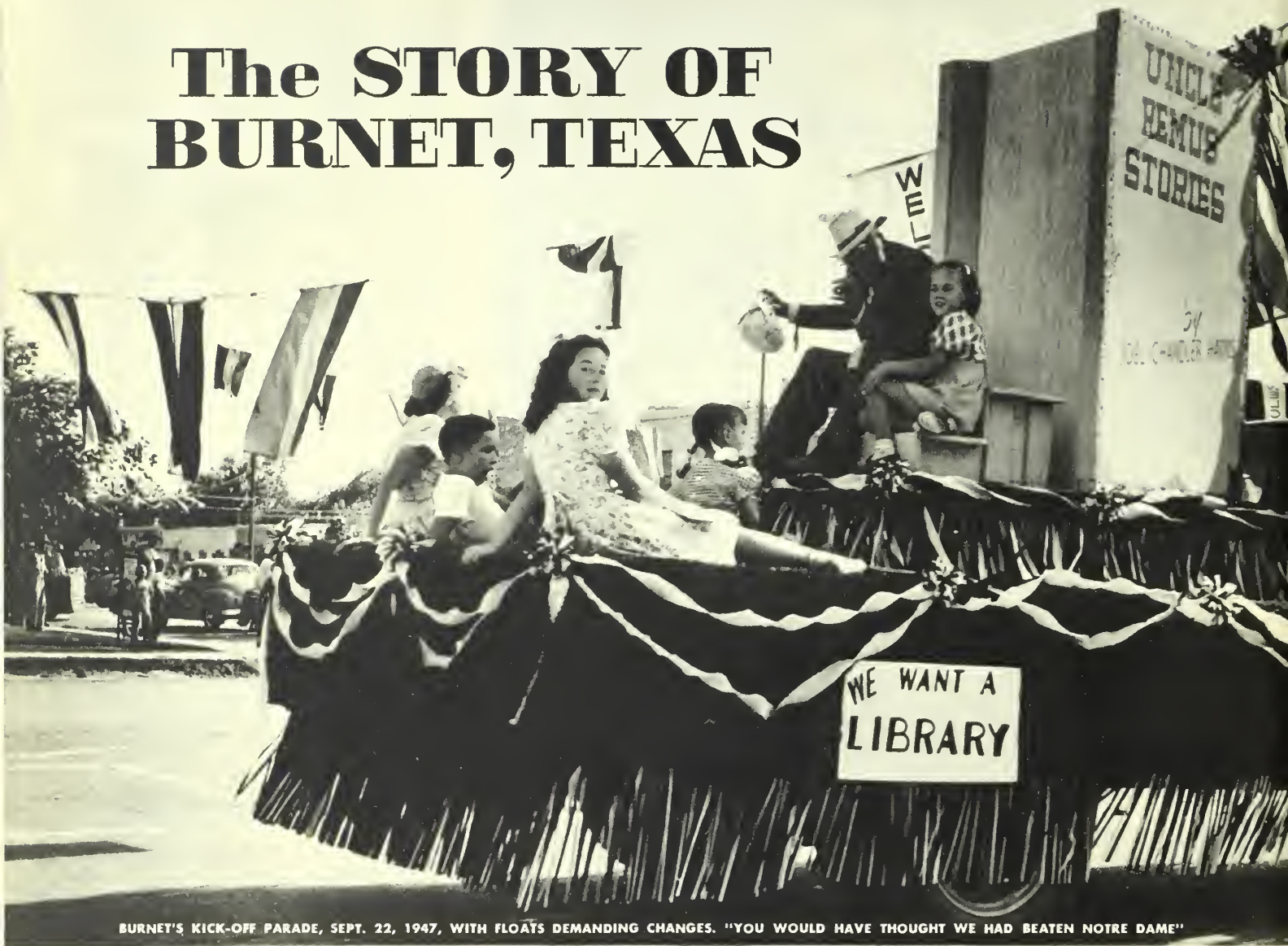
Robert Brown, property owner and landlord from Brookfield, Connecticut had wet cellar trouble, and tenants continually moving out. Several of the local "handies" fixed the cellar, but it stayed wet. Bob saw the printing office poster at the post office, sent his problem in. Back came a book *Making Cellars Dry*. Ten cents took the damp out of his cellar.

One ambitious ex-GI in Georgia wanted to build and operate a motel or motor court. He saw an opportunity, but didn't know how to go about taking advantage of it. He wrote his Congressman. This worthy sent him *A Year-Round Motor Court*, 125 pages with complete illustrations. There was no bill enclosed. Many Congressmen take advantage of the storehouse of information at (Continued on page 45)



IF YOU WANT to acquire a green thumb there are many titles dealing with gardening

The STORY OF BURNET, TEXAS



BURNET'S KICK-OFF PARADE, SEPT. 22, 1947, WITH FLOATS DEMANDING CHANGES. "YOU WOULD HAVE THOUGHT WE HAD BEATEN NOTRE DAME"

How the people of a once sleepy Texas town carried out a Legion plan to prove you can still help yourself in America

By ROBERT B. PITKIN

ON A LATE SPRING DAY in 1947 the mayor of Burnet, Texas had a visitor who said to him: "Mr. Mayor, what would happen if this town kicked itself in the pants to see how high it could jump?"

Young Mayor Joe Shepperd, a doctor, had an immediate inkling of what that question intended.

"It never hurt anyone to give himself a

BELOW, air view of Burnet's busy center today. Right, Ollie R. Perkins, Legion Commander, inspects 1940 aerial view of town, then, as for eighty years, a changeless country cross-roads village



swift boot," he told his visitor. "But how do you mean?"

The man who asked the first question had driven out from the capital city of Austin, 55 miles southeast of sleepy little Burnet. As he had walked to Mayor Shepperd's office most people who saw him recognized his shock of silken white hair as that of Dr. C. H. Brownlee, who had been Burnet's physician until 1917. They were soon to learn that he brought a bright dream back to his old home town and wouldn't let go of it.

Quickly Brownlee explained to Shepperd that he had called to see if Burnet would be the first town to adopt an idea of The American Legion's National Employment Committee, of which he was a member.

Brownlee pointed out the office-window of Shepperd's one-story rural hospital, and Mayor Shepperd's quick glance followed down the familiar hillside to the little town of Burnet, cluttered around its crossroads.

"That's Burnet," said Brownlee. "I was born here in 1889 and moved to Austin after the first war — as many a young man has done before and since. I've been away thirty years but I could still find my way around town in the dark.

"Why is the population the same as it was fifty years ago? Why are the people the same? Where do the young folks go? Why won't the range support as many cattle as it did then?" He pointed to the open country rolling eastward toward Bertram. "Why are the scrub cedars still eating into the grassland?"

"All Texas has been rolling along, but here at the hub you can't see the motion. What's happened?"

Mayor Shepperd eyed him sharply. "Burnet has a future," he said. "I wouldn't have settled here if I didn't think so. The new dams on the Colorado should make this whole county."

Brownlee nodded. "Even though the lakes are twelve miles away, they ought to attract people here with money to spend. But the lakes are seven years old and where are the people?"

"Some folks from the Gulf are trickling in," Shepperd pointed out. "But to tell the truth things are happening too slowly for me."

"Yes. Yes. That's the point. People from the Gulf should be retiring here in the dry air near the fresh water in droves, not trickles. That's business and opportunity and growth for Burnet. But who wants to retire to outhouses, dirt streets, chicken yards, pig-pens and precious little running water or city gas?"

PHOTOS BY FELDER PHOTO, AUSTIN, TEX. AND LUCILE EANES, BURNET, TEX.

Mayor Shepperd smiled ruefully. As Mayor he knew better than Brownlee the local opposition to a bond issue big enough to pay for blasting sewer and water lines through the low-grade marble that underlay Burnet. As County Health Officer he knew the unpopularity of enforcing the letter of sanitation laws in such a small town. Burnet had just crossed the 2,000 population figure.

Brownlee never saw Shepperd's wry smile. He kept talking. Where are

things so perfect they cannot be improved? Every town has untold possibilities right at hand. There are undone betterments in every town people could do, themselves. Many know what they want but are slow to speak up. Old folks hold things in old grooves out of habit. Young folks, stymied, drift off seeking better opportunity.

Brownlee was saying, "... I tell you when the best youngsters move off to the cities soon, Burnet's best future



BURNET TEEN-AGERS at recent Friday night party in Legion home, financed by town plan in 1948 as Burnet's community social center. Before that, nothing



C. H. BROWNLEE (center, above) inspired Burnet Plan to create opportunity at home for young war veterans. Now nurse Lillian Kroeger, right, has five brothers in new businesses in Burnet. Doctor-mayor Shepperd, left, shows Brownlee how two-year growth of town compels him to add new wings to his hospital

BELOW, original Burnet-Plan chairman Chester Husted (hatless) chips in with friends to clean Burnet streets for the big kick-off parade in September, 1947





WAR TWO vet Bill Love owns dry-cleaning shop. "I decided I'd grow with Burnet"



WAR TWO vet Carl Yarborough, left, shows new line of goods to customer in his dry goods store. Yarborough has returned. He left "old Burnet" before the war

(continued)

The Story of Burnet, Texas

goes with them. Will War Two veterans who *can* make a living here stay in a town with no social life, no clubs, no community center, no library?"

The young mayor's eyes twinkled. "I've said all that to myself before. Now tell me how The American Legion is going to turn Burnet inside out overnight."

"It isn't," said Brownlee. "Burnet will do the job itself or there's nothing to our plan. The Legion simply bets that if we shout 'Wake up' loud enough Burnet would take a look at itself all at once and do the rest under its own steam. Outside of that the Legion can supply a starting point—a set of expert questionnaires to be answered by everybody in the county that would let them all sound off at once on Burnet's best and worst features."

"You're a good talker," said Sheperd. "Will you come back and speak to the Chamber of Commerce?"

A few days later Dr. Brownlee

drove to Burnet again and met with the Chamber of Commerce. Again he was a good talker. The Chamber of Commerce arranged a town mass meeting at night, around the county courthouse, for still another visit from Brownlee. Reports about what Dr. Brownlee would say attracted over 1500 people to the town-square that night.

Brownlee appeared and spoke. So did Ralph Lavers, executive director of The American Legion's Economic Commission, who had flown down from Washington and had been met at Dallas, 200 miles away, by Mayor Sheperd. The theme of all the speeches was the same. "Let's see how much can be done right here in Burnet to make it a better place to live and work." As the people listened they began naming to one another some of Burnet's shortcomings. The list that had built up over the years, without correction, became appalling.

"We've always lived off ranching," said a retailer. "But the range is getting poorer and the farmers and ranchers don't like to ship from Burnet. We need a soil program for the county and better marketing outlets here in town."

"We need a library," said a woman. "Why do we always have to go 55 miles for a book?"

"The new lakes ought to make us a big recreation center. Man! There's a lot of catfish and bass in Buchanan Lake. But how are we going to hold people if we don't clean up the eyesores, pave the rest of the streets and put in sewers?" (Twelve miles west of Burnet, the Texas Lower Colorado

River Authority had completed Buchanan dam in 1939. It stored the first of a series of flood-control and water-power lakes stepping down seventy miles to Austin.)

"The store-fronts on the square are run-down enough to scare a visitor away."

"Tommy White's theater is all right, I suppose, but it doesn't shape up to those in Austin."

"Burnet's a dry county and that's the way I want it. But my two boys were over in Llano County drinking beer last night. There ought to be a *decent* place here in Burnet for teen-agers to have clean fun."

"Ought to be a place for older folks to meet and have fun, too."

"If the town looked decent, darned if I wouldn't put up some tourist cabins on the dam road. We could catch some trade, I bet."

"I might put a fillin' station next to it."

"If we went at this right there'd be business for *new* stores in town."

"Then maybe they could all stock bigger lines of goods and we wouldn't have to go shopping in Austin or San Antonio so much."

"Lot of things I wanted but never bought, you had to go so far to get 'em."

"If more folks from the Gulf start movin' in to retire there'd be work for carpenters and masons for quite a few years."

"How come our school kids aren't vaccinated?"

About the time the audience in the town square was getting ahead of the speakers Chester Husted leaped to the platform. Husted is an alert, outspoken food-whole- (Continued on page 53)



BURNET got its library and here a young customer inspects a volume on opening day in 1948



BURNET made most of these two opportunities, Buchanan and Inks Lakes

McCurdy Denounces Economy Movement As a Blow At Disabled War Veterans

The American Legion has served notice through Robert M. McCurdy of Pasadena, California, Chairman of its National Rehabilitation Commission, that it is honor-bound to oppose, tooth and nail, any attempt to deprive disabled veterans and the dependents of battle casualties of their rights and benefits under a guise of economy in government.

Chairman McCurdy's target was that section of the Hoover Commission Report on the Reorganization of the Executive Branch of the Federal Government, which dealt with veterans.

"There is an organized and well-financed campaign under way to sell the American people on the adoption of the Hoover reorganization proposal in its entirety," said Chairman McCurdy. "Before the American people accept in toto this glibly-presented package of proposed economy, they should examine what it will do to the men and women for whom the World Wars are still going on!

"The proposal would in effect erase the nation's sacred obligation to disabled veterans by erasing their identities as veterans!"

History Repeats

History is repeating itself, Chairman McCurdy charged, as he lashed at the veteran-torpedoing sections of the Hoover proposal.

"In 1933, Congress adopted the infamous Economy Act, whose purpose was set forth as being the preservation of the credit of the United States Government," he said. "Actually the only economy that was accomplished was at the expense of sick, disabled and bed-ridden veterans who were cut off pension rolls or dumped from hospitals to shift for themselves. When The American Legion exposed the monstrosity of the cruel and inhuman Act, Congress made haste to repeal it.

"That part of the Hoover Report dealing with veterans proposes to repeat the vicious Economy Act of 1933 on an even greater scale. It would divorce all veterans from their identity as veterans, dismember the Veterans Administration, take their hospitals from bed-ridden veterans, deprive all veterans of preference in government employment, leave the 19,000,000 veterans of the nation without a service agency, end all centralized government responsibility for the welfare and rights of veterans and leave the dependents of those who fell in battle at the mercy of bureaucratic red tape!

"The American Legion contends the cost of rehabilitating the human wreckage of war is as much a part of the cost

of waging war as is the building of battleships, tanks, planes and guns. These weapons are paid for in cash when needed. The government leans over to see that every wartime contractor gets a square deal. But the human costs of the war are charged. They constitute a sacred obligation of the nation. This debt cannot be honorably discounted or evaded by simply writing it off as a so-called economy measure!"

ED BOLT TO DIRECT 1950 NAT'L CONVENTION AT L.A.

Ed W. Bolt of San Francisco, California, has been named as the Legion's new National Convention Director. His first job will be to lay the groundwork for the 32nd annual National Convention which will be held at Los Angeles, California, October 9-11, 1950.

Director Bolt succeeds Ed W. McGrail of Parkerburg, W. Va., who has been transferred to the branch of the National Headquarters at Washington as research specialist for the National Rehabilitation Commission. McGrail, a Past Department Adjutant of West Virginia and former National Publicity Officer of the Legion, has served as National Convention Director since 1946, staging the New York, Miami and Philadelphia National Conventions.

Director Bolt has had long service in the Legion. A Past Department Commander of California, and member of the National Executive Committee, he has also made important contributions to the organization by membership on the National Graves Registration Committee, Legion Publications Commission, and the National Finance Committee.

COMMANDER'S LETTER SPURS POST MEMBERSHIP DRIVES

In early November National Commander George N. Craig took time out to write a letter to each one of the Legion's more than 17,000 Post Commanders in which he outlined several points of a terrific fight which faces the organization. He also gave the answer to the question of what the Posts can do to help—an early enrollment of a record membership.

"Success in membership gives us the weight and influence to achieve and preserve The American Legion's objectives and the American way of life to which we have dedicated ourselves in service," Commander Craig wrote. "No one seeks to destroy or weaken The American Legion more than the communists. Our answer to that is a record-smashing

membership for 1950. You and I know that this fight for membership cannot be won until the Legion's case has been properly presented to each eligible veteran."

"I definitely feel," the Commander continued, "that a veteran should not ask what The American Legion can do for him, but rather what he can do through The American Legion to preserve the principles for which he or she fought."

The response was immediate in all Departments. Hundreds of letters, in response, rolled in to the National Commander's office from Commanders of Posts large and small. Nearly every one reported completion of quota—but were not stopping at the initial goal, or an increased enrollment over 1949. By November 24th the cards and dues at National Headquarters for 1950 had reached the total of 1,158,014—a net gain of 513,693 over the same date in 1948.

North Dakota in Lead

Star of the membership performance for 1950 so far is the old reliable Department of North Dakota. At the Commanders and Adjutants Conference at National Headquarters on the last days of October, Department Commander Edward A. Milligan and Department Adjutant Jack Williams reported a better than fully paid quota. Commander Milligan brought the house down when he announced that the quota of North Dakota was 15,180 but that the early birds had been on the job, turning in by that time 16,973 member cards for 1950, or 111.81 percent of quota. Runner-up to North Dakota at the November 24 report was Nebraska with an advance enrollment of 36,144, or 78.60 percent of quota.

"Lithuanian Post No. 154, (Baltimore, Maryland), has accepted your challenge to communism by enrolling over 100 percent membership before November 11," Commander Anthony Dranginis wrote. "This Post is composed of Lithuanian Americans and it is opposed to communism in greater degree than others because today the land of our forefathers is being destroyed by communism."

Some excerpts from other typical letters are: "Our quota was 215; our paid membership is now 225. We are leading the 24th District and expect to stay in the lead," writes Commander George W. Rochester of Wilshire Post No. 319, Los Angeles, California. "We are to receive a citation for being the first Post in Arizona to be known as a quotabuster in the 1950 membership drive," says Commander Clyde W. Ami, Polacca (Arizona) Post No. 73. "We exceeded our membership on November 10 and the Membership Committee plan to give you a substantial increase," reports Commander James V. Day, Webber-Lefebvre Post No. 74, Kennebunk, Maine.

Convention Pleased Philadelphia; Many Groups Call For Early Return

Echoes of the 31st annual National Convention held at Philadelphia on the closing days of August, 1949, are still heard in the offices of the Convention Corporation in dozens of letters. They are pleasant echoes and fall gratefully on the ears of Judge Vincent A. Carroll, for nearly all attest to the magnificence of the parade, the exemplary conduct of the visitors, and wind up with the hope that Philadelphia will soon be selected again as the place for holding this greatest of all annual national conclaves.

Judge Carroll did double duty in his home city as Chairman of the National Convention Commission and as President of the American Legion Convention Corporation of Pennsylvania. And he was showered with bouquets for the admirable direction of the affair.

The Philadelphia City Council, at its meeting on October 6, adopted a resolution of commendation and at the same time joined with business groups and citizens in asking the convention to return. The resolution recited some of the high points of the week, the presence of President Truman and members of his Cabinet, the Chiefs of Staff of the Armed Forces, Senators, Governors and representatives from foreign lands.

"The considerate behavior of the visiting Legionnaires," said the resolution, "and all who were the guests of the city during the convention period conformed to the highest standards of conduct, and has prompted a desire that it soon return for another annual conclave."

Old Stories Scotched

Charles L. Todd of the Visitors Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce paid high compliment in a letter to Chairman Carroll. "It is with great pride that we offer this tribute to the most outstanding convention-holding organization in America. Philadelphia is looking forward to the earliest possible return of The American Legion," he said.

Bennett E. Tousley, President of the Philadelphia Hotel Association, scotched some annually recurrent stories in his letter to Chairman Carroll, when he said: "I have communicated with practically all of our members, and found them universally pleased with the conduct of the Legionnaires, which was exemplary in every respect. Not one unpleasant experience of major consequence was reported by any hotel. The oft repeated stories of damage caused by those attending a National Legion Convention are entirely without foundation as far as our experience in Philadelphia in 1949 is concerned."

Backing this statement, J. P. Hoenig, General Manager of the Warwick Hotel, wrote: "In all of our experience we have never had a group conduct themselves

any better. They were quiet, orderly, very cooperative and it was a great pleasure to have them in the hotel."

Philadelphia Lodge No. 2, B.P.O.E., held open house. "It is my happy privilege to report that probably more than 10,000 Legionnaires and their ladies availed themselves of our Lodge quarters," wrote Exalted Ruler John L. McIntire. "The manner in which these ladies and gentlemen behaved themselves. . . at the same time having a rollicking good time. . . is highly commendable." Joseph P. McLaughlin, writing for the Pen and Pencil Club, which

AUXILIARY WILL CONDUCT NATIONAL DEFENSE PARLEY

Making American women more fully aware of the need for more adequate national security measures will be one of the major purposes of the American Legion Auxiliary during the coming year, Mrs. Norman L. Sheeche, National President, has announced. The Auxiliary will endeavor to gain wide-spread support from women for The American Legion's national security program.



Mrs. Sheeche

The Auxiliary's national security activities will begin during January when the subject will be emphasized throughout the organization. Discussion of urgently needed security measures will be conducted at the January meetings of the Auxiliary's 13,180 local Units, and the security recommendations of the Legion will be outlined to the nearly one million women of the Auxiliary.

On January 26, 27 and 28, delegates from more than 30 organizations with an enrollment of approximately 2,000,000 women will meet in Washington, D. C., under sponsorship of the American Legion Auxiliary, for the annual Women's Patriotic Conference on National Defense. They will hear the nation's defensive needs discussed by leading authorities from the armed forces, the Government and veterans' organizations, and will draft recommendation to guide their members in efforts for greater security from war. Mrs. Sheeche will preside at the conference.

Following the national conference, similar conferences on national security will be sponsored by the Auxiliary in many states. District and local conferences also will be held to bring the question of security home to as many women as possible. The entire Auxiliary program is being directed by Mrs. Rae Ashton, of Vernal, Utah, Chairman of the National Committee on National Security.

entertained the members of the press, complimented Chairman Carroll: "You can be proud of the part you played in bringing the Convention to Philadelphia. It was the best behaved Legion Convention I ever heard of."

W. Hamilton Audenbach, Rector of Christ Church and St. Michael's, added his commendation. "I am proud of the mature, conscientious, really grown-up behavior of the men who are veterans of two victorious wars. It makes me feel clean and fresh to know that I am a member of an organization which conducted itself in convention as American citizens and gentlemen should."

Hundreds of voluntary letters came in commenting on the great parade. Some typical comments are: "It will be a long time before Philadelphia will see anything as well handled or as worth while," wrote Frank J. Eustace, Jr., attorney. "I think the people of Philadelphia will long remember yesterday's marching as the most impressive turnout of our times," said the President of the Trademans National Bank and Trust Company. "I know of nothing that has ever happened in this town that has brought forth more favorable comment than the convention that took place this week," commented Wesley A. Gilman, advertising. "Congratulations to a great planner and Committee for the Legion meeting. Yesterday's parade was the finest and best managed parade of our experience," wired Charles B. Helms, Pennsylvania State Secretary of the Patriotic Order Sons of America. This was high praise, for the P.O.S.A. has some record as a parade group itself, with a high of 30,000 in line of march.

BASKETBALL CHAMPS WILL BE HOST TO 1950 TOURNEY

Harry B. Dorst Post No. 54, McPherson, Kansas, will be host to the Fourth Annual Invitational American Legion National Basketball Tournament. Dates for the event are March 29-31 and April 1, 1950, and the games will be played in McPherson Convention Hall.

Dark horse and winner of the 1949 tourney held at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, the McPherson Post team will be back this year to defend its title. Pairing will be made immediately after the closing of Department entries on March 1. National Adjutant Henry H. Dudley will make the drawing and a schedule of play will be released to all Departments at that time.

National Commander Craig will provide a Sportsmanship Plaque for award to the player in the tournament who displays the best mental attitude and sportsmanship. Other awards are a large trophy for the Post sponsoring the winning team, a trophy for the runner-up, as well as individual awards for members of the top two teams, and a trophy from Harry B. Dorst Post to the tourney winner.

Details of the tournament have been sent to all Department Adjutants and Athletic Officers, together with entry blanks for the event.

GRAY REPLIES TO CRITICS ON NSLI DIVIDEND PAYMENT

Carl R. Gray, Jr., Administrator of Veterans Affairs, said flatly that the \$2.8 billion special dividend to be paid to some 16,000,000 WW2 veterans, beginning in January, is a dividend under law, not a "bonus" or "treasury grab," as it has been called in some quarters.

His statement was made in reply to some newspaper columnists, publications and commentators who, through misinformation or gross ignorance of the National Service Life Insurance laws, have denounced the distribution of the NSLI surplus as "another treasury raid" and "bonus." The Administrator said, in part:

"The dividend has been termed a 'bonus' or 'treasury grab' for the benefit of veterans of WW2. It has been contended that the payments are not earned dividends at all, but in reality just a Government hand-out. Nothing could be further from the truth.

"NSLI is established by law as mutual insurance, which means that any excess funds which accrue from its operations must be shared proportionately by the policy-holders, and returned to them. It is perfectly true that the Government assumes certain financial obligations in connection with this insurance. This was written into law by the Congress so as to provide those entering service with insurance protection at rates they could afford to pay.

"Now the real reason why a surplus of \$2.8 billion is available for payment of dividends is that there have been substantially fewer non-military deaths among NSLI policy-holders than was anticipated by the mortality table upon which the premium rates were based. This was especially true among the younger age groups.

"Under the law, this money must be returned to the policy-holders in the form of dividends. The amount each receives is determined by the face amount of insurance carried, the length of time it was kept in force, and the proportionate contribution of his particular age group to the surplus in the fund.

"The payment is in no sense a 'bonus,' nor is it a Government hand-out. It represents only the return of money to those rightfully entitled to it under the laws as enacted by the Congress."

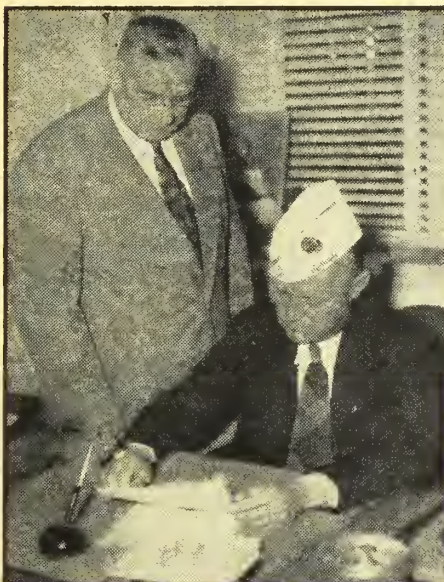
LOUISIANA POST BUILDING HOSPITAL FOR COMMUNITY

Acadia Post No. 15, Crowley, Louisiana, plans a \$100,000 project for the construction of a new American Legion Hospital in its home city. The Post membership is 1,336, and in early December a drive for contributions from within the ranks of the Legion was well under way with more than half of the funds needed already in the treasury. The construction of this modern, up-to-date hospital by the local Legion unit will greatly alleviate the need for additional hospital facilities.

Life Membership

At its Armistice Day observance, Philadelphia (Mississippi) Post No. 138 dedicated a new High School Band Building in honor of a local graduate who was killed in action in WW2. At the same meeting a Life Membership card was presented to Dewitte DeWeese by Past Department Commander Don Morse in recognition of distinguished service to his Post, Department and to the National Organization of the Legion. Congressman Arthur Winstead was the principal speaker.

GEORGIA LEADS CAMPAIGN TO INVEST IN U. S. BONDS



The American Legion has consistently been one of the outstanding proponents of the sale of U. S. Savings Bonds and Stamps. All through the war years and since, some thousands of Legion committees, from Posts up to the National Organization, have worked tirelessly to promote the sale of Bonds, and to encourage regular buying as a means of saving. The Department of Georgia, under the leadership of Department Commander George Hearn, led off early in a new state-wide campaign to encourage WW2 vets to invest part or all of their NSLI dividend in U. S. Savings Bonds.

Sparkling the campaign, Commander Hearn, (seated above), sent out thousands of letters to key men in all parts of Georgia. Standing with him is Joseph E. Woodruff, State Director of the Savings Bonds Division, Treasury Department.

In setting up his Bond sales organization, Commander Hearn and his associates asked each Legion Post in Georgia to appoint an active committee and that their work be extended to all veterans, whether members of organizations or not. He called this program one of the Legion's most vital jobs in encouraging veterans to lay aside part of the NSLI dividend for future use. "In addition to putting aside money for use in the future," he said, "the veteran will be investing in the future of America."

SAYERS, INDIANA, NAMED ASST. NATIONAL ADJUTANT

William E. Sayers, of Indianapolis, for 16 years Adjutant of the Department of Indiana, has been appointed Assistant National Adjutant by National Commander George N. Craig. He succeeds Joseph E. Rabinovich, Grand Forks, North Dakota, who takes over a new post as Director of Purchases and Sales in the National Emblem Sales Division. The changes in position were effective November 1st.

In announcing the top level changes, National Commander Craig said that Sayers' appointment was a recognition of his outstanding ability as an administrator. The transfer of Rabinovich, who has been a member of the Headquarters staff for several years, was necessitated by the growth of the volume of business done by the Emblem Sales Division, which has reached a point where specialized direction was required. Carlos A. Morris will remain as General Manager of the Emblem Division.

William F. Hauck, 32-year-old disabled veteran wounded in action overseas, was named Department Adjutant to succeed Sayers by Indiana's Department Commander, Homer McDaniel. Hauck had been Assistant Department Adjutant since July 26, 1945.

Assistant National Adjutant Sayers, a native of Chicago, Ill., moved to Indianapolis in boyhood; graduated from high school there and received an A.B. degree from Wabash College. He served as a 2nd Lieutenant in overseas service in WW1, and was an Air Force Major for two and a half years in WW2. A charter member of Burton Wollery Post No. 18, Bloomington, Indiana, he was appointed Department Adjutant of Indiana on October 15, 1933. He is married and is the father of an 18-year-old son, James, who is now a student at Indiana University.

A Service Family

Three United States flags which had covered the caskets of three Elliott brothers of Coffeyville, Kansas, all war veterans, were presented to Coffeyville Post No. 20 on Armistice Day, by a surviving sister. The remarkable record of the Elliott family covered three generations—the grandfather, David Stewart Elliott I, fought in the war with Mexico in 1846, and was killed in action as a Union soldier in 1863. David Stewart Elliott II, also a Union soldier, was Captain of a Kansas company in the Spanish-American War and died in the Philippines in 1899. His sons, James Russell Elliott and John B. Elliott, served in the company commanded by their father in the Philippines, then served through WW1, in which another brother, David Stewart Elliott III, also served. The flags presented to the Post were those used at the burials of the three WW1 brothers. James Russell Elliott was Commander of Coffeyville Post in 1926, and his brother, David Stewart Elliott III, commanded the same Legion unit in 1933.

Rating Schedule in Rheumatic Fever Cases Revised By VA; Proof of Dependents Required for Increase

By T. O. KRAABEL

Director, National Rehabilitation Commission

The National Rehabilitation Commission has been advised that its request for an amendment to the rating schedule in rheumatic fever cases, to bring about increases in compensation payments, has been granted. The date for making this change effective has not been announced.

Under existing VA ratings the veteran gets a total disability rating while there is active rheumatic fever, and, if there are ascertainable cardiac manifestations, this rating continues for a period of six months after the activity has subsided. Following that period the ratings could be reduced to 30 per cent, or 10 per cent, and eventually to no per cent.

The change which will be incorporated in a new extension would continue a convalescent rating of 100 per cent following rheumatic fever with heart involvement for a period of six months or more. With the provision of a 30 per cent convalescent rating for a period of three years, and with further provision for a minimal 10 per cent rating if mitral stenosis and heart enlargement do not develop.

It is estimated there were 40,000 cases of this type during World War II. Figures to show the number of rheumatic fever claims filed with the VA are not available.

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While Congress, in Public Law 339, October 10, 1949, clearly showed its intention of providing minimum ratings for service connected arrested tuberculosis, the VA extension 6 to the rating schedule of 1945, under which the law will be given effect, limits the ratings to pulmonary tuberculosis. The National Rehabilitation Commission has requested VA to amend this new rating schedule extension so that the intent of Congress will be followed with respect to other types of tuberculosis.

The rating schedule calls for 100 per

cent ratings for the first two years after the date of arrest; 50 per cent for the next four years; thereafter, for five years the rating is 30 per cent. In the case of far advanced lesions the 30 per cent rating becomes permanent. A 20 per cent permanent rating is assigned eleven years after the date of arrest for moderately advanced lesions.

The VA instructions call upon the adjudication services to initiate reviews and put the new ratings in effect dating from December 1, 1949.

One additional advantage that will accrue to the veteran through the establishment of these statutory ratings is that such ratings may be combined with others (aside from other respiratory disabilities), such as the residuals of gunshot wounds, to provide increased payments for a limited group.

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Veterans with service connected ratings of 50 per cent or more are now entitled to increased disability compensation for their dependents, through amendment by Public 339, 81st Congress. Previously such benefit was granted only when disability was rated 60 per cent or more.

Under rating instructions issued by the VA November 1, 1949, it is stated that "generally, the effective date of an increase based upon a dependent will be the date the evidence establishing the relationship or dependency is received in the VA." The increase in compensation payments for veterans in this group will be made effective from December 1, 1949, for those veterans who establish proof of dependency and relationship by May 1, 1950, if the records show existence of such dependents on December first. In no case will action to authorize increased compensation on account of dependents be taken until the proof of such dependency and relationship is received in the VA.

Extension Institute are the active executives and directors of the programs.

While the course of study is carried on by correspondence, and monthly tests are submitted by mail to Headquarters, the organization of group study classes within Posts or in areas is recommended and urged. The full course is based on the curriculum used in The American Legion College, which consists of two basic units on the internal organization and four units on the programs and objectives of the Legion. It is all designed to prepare Post officers, members and chairmen of committees, and young members of the Legion for a better understanding of the Legion and a more efficient leadership and administration of its affairs.

National Adjutant Henry H. Dudley says "the Extension Institute is the most practical approach yet attempted to a real and lasting stabilization of the vast number of new members in the organization."

Application blanks, together with an attractive brochure describing the Institute, will be distributed to Posts through their Department Headquarters.

Legion items

The Florida State Fair, to be held at Tampa on January 31 to February 11, is held at the height of the tourist season. The exposition has the backing of the Legion Posts and February 2 has been designated as "Legion Day," when a mammoth parade will be staged. . . . Halle Memorial Post No. 624, Lakewood, Ohio, awarded a life membership with citation scroll to Harry Perks in recognition of 30 years of faithful and devoted service to the Legion. . . . Frank Guild, Jr., Box 1168, Tyler, Texas, is writing a history of the 437th Troop Carrier Group. Notes on this outfit will be welcomed. . . . Vets of the 106th Infantry Division in the New York area observed the 5th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge with a dinner dance at the Brass Rail on December 17th. S. Zorn, 158-18 Riverside Drive West, New York City, is building the membership of the New York Chapter of the 106th Veterans Association.

TRIBBY NAMED LEGION'S SAVINGS BOND CHAIRMAN

National Commander George N. Craig has announced the appointment of J. Nelson (Jack) Tribby, long-time Department Adjutant of Maryland but now serving as Chief Clerk to the Senate Committee on Armed Service, as the Legion's National Chairman of the Savings Bonds Committee. To perfect an aggressive organization for a national Savings Bonds drive, the National Commander has called upon each Department Commander to select a Department Chairman, and to send the name to Chairman Tribby as soon as possible. Chairman Tribby's address is Room 212, Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C.

LACKEY PICKED AS AIDE TO NATIONAL COMMANDER

Paul Lackey of Springville, Indiana, a Navy veteran of WW2, has been selected as aide to National Commander George N. Craig. He will accompany the Legion Chief in the round of official visits during the year, which will run up to an estimated 150,000 miles of travel.

Wounded while serving in the invasion of Italy, and discharged for service-connected disability, Lackey became Service Officer of Lawrence County, Indiana. He joined the Indiana Legion's rehabilitation staff in 1946, and when appointed aide was assistant to Oscar Brown, Indiana Department Service Officer.

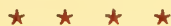
LEGION COURSES OFFERED IN EXTENSION INSTITUTE

Arrangements have been completed for the fifth term of the American Legion Extension Institute, offering an intensive correspondence course in the background, the internal organization and the programs and services of the Legion. This term will open in February, and will be carried on through the Membership and Post Activity Section at National Headquarters, Indianapolis.

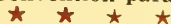
More than 19,000 Legionnaire students enrolled in the four previous terms of the Extension Institute. Of this host of students a great number have moved on to high positions in the Departments and in the National Organization, and in many Posts the graduates of the



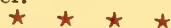
Appropriate ceremonies marked the dedication of the new home of Charles E. Westcott Post No. 173 at Bath, New York, on Armistice Day, a culmination of a four-year effort on the part of the members. The Post membership includes many disabled veterans receiving domiciliary care at the Bath VA Center. . . . In what was perhaps the largest Armistice Day celebration ever at Palatka, Florida, the climax was unveiling of a memorial to the 57 men of the area who fell in WW2. The memorial was sponsored by Bert Hodge Post of the Legion and the Palatka BPOE Lodge. . . . As a spare-time project and at a cost of \$291, members of Howard H. Rohde Post No. 888, Northlake, Illinois, created a full-sized iron lung. It was fashioned from two 50-gallon iron barrels above a steel pipe frame and mounted on roller casters, and powered by a vacuum cleaner motor. The iron lung has been turned over to the Northlake Fire Department for community service.



Legion go-getter Raymond Gray was selected as "Greenville's Worthiest Citizen" by the Greenville, Texas, Chamber of Commerce. A 30-year member of Greenville Post No. 17, he has served his Post and District as Commander and the Department as Vice Commander, in addition to various committee assignments. For the past 17 years he has been Adjutant of his Post. . . . Baldwin-Patterson Post No. 274, Des Moines, Iowa, nominates Andy Cumps as "Mr. Legionnaire." Commander in 1928, Legionnaire Cumps has averaged enrolling 200 Legion members each year for 21 years, with a high of 405 in 1928. Sixth District Commander in 1930, he organized five new Posts; visits the VA hospital every Thursday night, and in addition to other Legion service, has carried his Post's colors in 17 National Convention parades.



George Hart Post No. 167, Harrisburg, Illinois, is remodeling the building purchased recently and expects to be in its new home early in 1950. . . . *Yoakum County Review*, Plains, Texas, nominates Clayton Lovelace, 22, Commander of Forrest W. McCargo Post No. 585, Plains, as the youngest Legion Commander in the Lone Star State. . . . Ted McInerney author of "Pom-Pom," a story of the liberation of Manila (and just after), 37th Division vet, is a member of Vincent B. Costello Post No. 15, Washington, D. C. . . . Ralph Amundson Post No. 30, Edgerton, Wisconsin, reported a total of 375 members by Armistice Day, 88 of whom were new ones. Credit is due to Lester Learn, crusader, says Adjutant Sylvester H. Kreuger. Legionnaire Learn fetched in a total of 306 of the members, 78 of the lot new ones. The Post gave him a testimonial dinner.



Northport (Alabama) Post No. 208 was organized in 1948 and reached a mem-

bership of 54 that year. In 1949 the membership was increased to 98. This number was exceeded for 1950 on August 8, 1949. Department Adjutant Joe Dickerson reports that Northport Post was the first in Alabama to exceed its all-time high for 1950. . . . James Arthur Brown Post No. 660, Bridgeport, Ohio, has purchased a home — its first permanent one — at a cost of \$8,500. The Post was organized in 1946 with 50 members, says Commander Harold Tyler, but will have a substantial increase in 1950. . . . Chief of Police W. B. Huckabee, Hot Springs, New Mexico, and all the members of the police force of that city of 10,000 population are members of Gaines T. Evans Post No. 44. Two of the members of the force are war disabled. . . . More than 100 representatives of the 67 Legion Posts of Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, met on the night of

POST HONORS MEMORY OF HEROIC TRAIN ENGINEER



Las Vegas (Nevada) Post No. 8, in mid-summer of 1949, provided for an award to non-Legionnaires who render outstanding public service or give constructive community assistance. Nominations are investigated and final report is made by a Meritorious Award Committee. The first award was made on November 15 at a joint meeting of the Post and Auxiliary when Commander Rex Jarrett, (left, above) presented a plaque to Mrs. Harry G. Beyer, (right), honoring her heroic husband who gave his life to save others in a railroad accident on July 29, 1949.

Operating out of Las Vegas, a locomotive driven by Engineer Beyer struck a gasoline truck, which burst into flames. Though seriously burned in the first flash, the engineer stayed at the throttle and piloted the train through the fire to safety, protecting the lives of the passengers. The plaque reads:

"For outstanding service to his fellowmen, Las Vegas Post No. 8, The American Legion, presents this plaque in honor and memory of Harry G. Beyer, who unselfishly gave his life in protecting the lives of others." Mrs. Beyer is a Past President of Auxiliary Unit No. 541, Los Angeles, California.

November 10 to plan distribution of 8,000 containers for the annual March of Dimes campaign, January 16 through the 31st.



The Henry Gray Memorial Home is under construction at Lake Charles, Louisiana, and will be completed at a cost of \$60,000 as the home of W. B. Williamson Post No. 1. The splendid structure is being paid for by Miss Matilda Gray and William Gray as a living memorial to their brother, the late Henry Gray. The structure will be one of the finest in the Department of Alabama, approximately 100 feet by 200 feet, colonial style, all modern qualities and fixtures, and with an auditorium seating 300. . . . William P. Roche Post No. 21, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, presented an Americanism Citation to Roy Rogers, movie star, for his work in the interest of child safety. . . . Joe D. Grady, Ohio Legion Service Officer who is stationed at the VA Regional Office at Cleveland, was given a silver plaque by Euclid Post No. 343 in appreciation of his service to veterans in Northeastern Ohio.



Fernan M. Nataline, Adjutant of Francis M. Dalton Post No. 282, Lima, New York, reports that his Post has awarded seven 30-year and two 25-year gold pins to eligible members. . . . Davenport (Iowa) Post No. 26 has laid the cornerstone of its new home, which is expected to be completed about July 1st at a cost of \$400,000. The Post's "Snug Harbor," on the Mississippi River front in its home city, has been a Legion landmark for the past 20 years. . . . A 21-gun salute was in order at Norwalk, Connecticut, when a couple of WW1 Navy shipmates were reunited after a separation of 32 years. Deputy Sheriff Frank Wallerstein, 30-year member and Past Commander of Frank C. Godfrey Post, spotted his 1917 side-kick of OCS days at Newport, Rhode Island, Charles Cohen, now of New York, on a television program. The reunion followed. . . . Legionnaire Joe Foss, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Marine flyer, first American ace to equal Captain Eddie Rickenbacker's WW1 record of downing 26 enemy planes and Medal of Honor winner, is planning a fling in politics with his aim on the Governorship of South Dakota, and will be a candidate in the 1950 primary election. He is currently serving (with Eddie Rickenbacker as a fellow-member) on the Legion's National Aeronautics Commission.



Musicians Post No. 662, Chicago, Illinois, is an unusual Legion outfit. Made up of all-veteran professional musical groups in Chicagoland, it boasts five small outfits and seven dance orchestras — but its pride and joy is its uniformed military and concert band, national champs of the entire Legion in 1941-42. The Post's meeting place is with the Musicians Union. Henry J. Coveyau, 5128 S. Lommis Street, Chicago 9, is the Commander. . . . Rush County Post No. 150, Rushville, Indiana, has dedicated a new \$75,000 home.

KANSAS CITY LEGION AIDS IN STEMMING CRIME TIDE

The American Legion has stepped forward to assist Kansas City, Missouri, police in stemming a rising crime tide. A Legion crime prevention committee has been organized with all of the city's 43 Posts represented on the 50-member group.

Charles C. Shafer, Jr., Chairman of the City Central Executive Committee, said he had received many letters and calls, the majority of them wholeheartedly in favor of the Legion's plan of enlisting citizen helpers against crime. Praise came too from Chief of Police Henry Johnson, himself a Legionnaire, for the step taken by the veterans' organization.

"It is most heartening to know," he said, "that Kansas Citians will have a greater feeling of security because of the activity of the Legion in co-operation with the police."

Chairman Shafer emphasized the fact that the committee is not set up as a witch-hunt affair. Neither will its members be policemen in any sense of the word. Members of the Committee will work to enlist the aid of the public toward crime reduction.

Chosen to head the Committee was Jack K. Ellis, attorney and former FBI agent, who has initiated a campaign to fight crime with education. Members of the group, he said, "should report the movements of prowlers, molesters and mentally aberrant persons who impose on the innocent. House owners should be urged to keep doors and windows locked, to lock cars when parked, and to discourage easy crime committance. This Committee will not be a Gestapo, or a law-enforcer as such."

JOB-INFORMATION CLASS HELD BY KENTUCKY POST

The first phase of an experiment in employment aimed directly at WW2 veterans has been completed by Jefferson Post No. 15, Louisville, Kentucky, with such success that the second session is under way. The Job Clinic set up by the Post, starting on October 14, had such good result that a number of veterans attending have acquired new jobs or were advanced in their old ones by using the information and suggestions given at the classes. The second session of eight weeks started in December.

The service to the veterans is free, says Post Commander M. M. Dille. The Job-Information classes are conducted by Walter F. Hayes, Assistant Veterans Employment Representative for Kentucky, whose office is in Louisville. Classes are held in the Post rooms in the Memorial Building on each Friday night, on the general theme "How to Look for a Job and Land It."

Commander Dille says that an invitation has been extended to all unemployed veterans in the area as well as those having an occupational adjustment problem. "From my own experience," he says, "there is a dire need

for such a 'job clinic' to teach, by actual demonstration, the thousands of unemployed veterans of Louisville and Jefferson County how to look for a job."

It is not the aim of the Post to find jobs for individuals. The idea is to help the veteran develop an occupational plan, launch it and find a job for which he is suited. However, through the participation of personnel officers and employers, including some of the largest industries, as speakers, vets attending the classes receive definite information about industry, occupations, labor market trends, and job opportunities in the Louisville area as well as in other parts of the country.

RANDALL ROLLS UP RECORD AS CHAMP MEMBER GETTER

Mississippi has its champion membership getter, reports Department Commander Guy Land. He is Legionnaire Frank O. Randall of Henry Graves Post at Jackson, who turned in 100 members by August 13, 1949, and by Armistice Day had stretched his 1950 enrollment to more than 350. Still going strong, Department Commander Land looks for a record Henry Graves Post membership, with Legionnaire Randall as chief crusader.

WW2 VETS, LEAVE CHANGE OF ADDRESS IF YOU MOVE

WW2 veterans are cautioned to leave a forwarding address with the postmaster if they move after making out application for the special National Service Life Insurance dividend. A circular has been issued by the Legion's National Rehabilitation Commission warning all eligible veterans to observe this rule. It will save time—and possibly a considerable amount of money for eligible applicants.

The Rehabilitation Commission calls attention to the manner of distribution: Treasury Department envelopes used for mailing Government checks bear a *red band* if forwarding to a new address is *not* authorized. The envelopes bear a *black band* if postoffices are permitted to forward such mail. These checks will be mailed in *black banded* envelopes so that they may be forwarded if the address is changed at the postoffice.

Missed One Meeting

Harry Abbott, a Past Commander and present Finance Officer of James B. Whipple Post No. 86, Wilton, Connecticut, has been a member of the Post since its organization 26 years ago. There are a lot of Legionnaires who can beat that record—but here is one for the book: In his 26 years of membership Legionnaire Abbott has missed but one Post meeting. James B. Whipple Post and its Auxiliary Unit are skippered by Edwin and Josephine Newman, a husband and wife team.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP GIVEN TO 19 PAST COMMANDERS

Climaxing its 30th annual Armistice Day banquet, Howard C. McCall Post No. 20, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, presented solid gold Life Membership cards to the 19 living Past Commanders of the Post. Among those who received the award was Joseph B. McCall, Jr., brother of Captain Howard C. McCall, D.S.C., whose name is borne by the Post. Past Commander McCall was Commander in 1919-20, and was the first Department Adjutant of Pennsylvania.

Harry K. Stinger, now serving his fourth term as National Executive Committeeman for Pennsylvania (also the long-time Post Adjutant), received his card from his son, Harry K. Stinger, Jr.

Guest speaker of the evening was Department Commander Walter E. Alessandrini.

CARELESSNESS OF VETS PERILS BONUS PAYMENTS

Over 20,000 Indiana veterans stand a chance to lose their WW2 State bonus if the present trend at the Bonus Division headquarters continues. Clinton Green, Director of the Indiana Department of Veterans' Affairs has repeatedly warned the Hoosier State eligibles to read carefully and comply with the instructions.

At the close of business on December 1, a total of 153,142 applications had been received. Nearly 10,000 of these had been placed in the "suspense file" because of inability to contact the applicant to clear up errors. On the basis of an expected 367,000 applications, that would mean that the "suspense" file would hold 20,000 next year, if more care is not taken in filling out the form.

Main source of trouble is the failure of applicants to notify the Department of changes of address—a form of neglect that has caused trouble in all bonus-paying States.

New Home for Maine Post

On the eighth anniversary of the Pearl Harbor sneak attack—December 7—Bourque-Lanigan Post of Waterville, Maine, dedicated its brand new memorial home, one of the very finest in the Department. The event was colorful, featuring national, state and municipal dignitaries, climaxing years of work and planning on the part of Waterville Legionnaires.

The new home was dedicated by Dr. John G. Towne, first Post Commander, Past Department Commander and Past National Vice Commander. The dedicatory address was delivered by James L. Boyle, the only Department Adjutant Maine has ever had. A member of the Post, Legionnaire Boyle was in attendance at the St. Louis Caucus in May, 1919, and has served the Pine Tree State Legion as Adjutant continuously since the Department organization was formed.

COMRADES IN DISTRESS

U.S.S. Monrovia—Statements urgently needed from shipmates to prove claim for back injury in 1943; particularly Cox, Townsend; H. T. Orrell; Bozman, C. C. Halloman and Wilson. Please contact Harold W. (Bill) Davis, Goldendale, Wash. Co. F, 47th Infantry (WW1)—Urgently need to hear from service comrades of William Henry Bogart who know of any treatment this veteran had for bronchial trouble, asthma or tuberculosis during service or shortly after discharge, between 1914 and 1920. Statements needed by widow to establish service-connection. Write Mrs. William H. Bogart, Box 27, Redondo Beach, Cal.

Baton Rouge, La., Army Base, 1918—Wanted to locate Dr. White, USN; Sgt. Baker and Pvt. Fred M. Naber, who served at above station. Need help in my claim for service-connection. Harry A. Bozeman, RFD 2, Baton Rouge, La.

Harold Lee McCord—Service unit not known, last heard of enroute to California in 1932. Urgently need to locate him or obtain proof of death; settlement of estate. Harry L. Holmes, Grant County Service Officer, Lancaster, Wis.

634th Bn., Triple-A (AW)—Need to locate a man named DeGraw or Degrau who served with William H. Creech in above outfit; captured at AUW, Germany, and taken to Stalag B-4, Lindburg. DeGraw's statement needed. Write Wm. F. Monagan, Sr., County Service Officer, Room 425-26, The Center, Charleston, S. C.

U. S. Naval Base, Bizerte, N. Africa—Contact is needed with Lt. W. M. Ross, officer at station in September, 1944, in case of John H. Kelly. Address J. H. Kelly, 496 Meeting St., Charleston, S. C., or Wm. F. Monagan, Sr., County Service Officer, Room 425-26, The Center, Charleston, S. C.

Army Hospital, Manheim, Germany—Need to locate doctor who took X-Rays of my right ankle after motorcycle accident in April, 1945. Was Sergeant in Pipe Line Co. Write Joseph J. Seibold, 276 Wellington Ave., Rochester 11, N. Y.

349th Machine Gun Co., 1st Cavalry (WW1)—Will men who knew or served with the late Joseph A. Meyers, please write his widow, Mrs. Ellen A. Meyers, 45 Monaghan Ave., Middletown, N. Y. Captain Hawley and Sgt. O'Neill are remembered; assistance needed.

302nd Supply Co., QMC—Service comrades please write, need statements to support claim. Served with outfit as Pvt., stationed at Nevers, France, 1918-19. Address John W. F. Marske, 24 Dr. Gerkestraat 24, Zandvoort, Holland.

2nd Bn., 158th Infantry—Medics, Attention—Was injured shortly after Legaspi landing; treated by 2nd Bn., medics; hospitalization and records lost. Medics please write, was Supply Sgt., Co. E, 158th Inf. Luke V. Cuccia, 1814 Second St., New Orleans 13, La.

Cal Coolidge of Luzon Bar, Manila—USN in WW1; fought at Corregidor; died in Jap prison ship Orioka Maru. Information needed to account for property holdings; all who knew anything about him since 1931 are requested to write, particularly John Pecora and I. Adams. Info wanted about his money deposited at Corregidor, and from men who went to Corregidor with him in barge. Contact his sister, Zelma Coolidge, 16 West 74th St., New York, N. Y.

S. S. Sagaporack—Will shipmates of Lt. William T. O. Hass who served with him in 1919-20 communicate quickly; very urgent; adjustments needed. Write his sister, Mrs. Edward Hughes, 1327 S. 52nd St., Philadelphia, Pa.

467th Engineer Maintenance Co. (WW2)—Will anyone who served in the above unit with my deceased husband, Marion B. Dunn, please write me; need to establish claim for daughter, Elizabeth C. Dunn, 8114 5th Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Battery D, 310th F.A., 79th Division (WW1)—Need statements from service comrades, especially those who went overseas with the outfit, and those who remember when I was in a hospital in England. The Captain came to see me in hospital; his statement wanted badly. Harry A. Emmons, Ward 5, U. S. Naval Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.

Co. B, 106th Infantry (WW2)—Supporting statements required from service comrades who served with me at Camp Maxey, Texas. Please write to Jerry Jarzab, 2255 N. Laramie Ave., Chicago 39, Ill.

Hobbs, New Mexico—Statements needed from anyone who served with me at this station; particularly need to locate Willis Roberts, Robert W. Orvis and Corp. A. Burmeister. Forrest E. Rush, 31 Euclid Ave., Ludlow, Ky.

Medical Officers Training Camp, Fort Riley (WW1)—Need to contact men who served with me, particularly those who were quartered in Barracks 3-Z, and who were transferred to Camp Fremont, where we became Co. C of Base Hospital 50. Names remembered are Pvt. Walter Carr, Corp. Paul Sgt. Jacobus, and Master Sgt. Brown. Write Earl P. Leggett, P. O. Box 6073, Orlando, Fla.

1st General Hospital, Paris, France—Will Major Mahoney, orthopedic surgeon at above hospital in 1944-45, please contact W. H. Shelton, P. O. Box 513, Blytheville, Ark. Statement needed.

Co. B, 1st Colo. Inf., later Co. B, 157th Inf. (WW1)—Will any comrade who served with me at Fort Logan, Colo., in 1917, when I was hos-

pitalized, please drop me a line, Milton H. Frank, Box 1421, Bridgeport, Neb.

46th Engrs. Constr. Bn., Co. C, 1st Platoon—Will comrades who served with Garth Perkins in Japan during 1945-46 please get in touch with Mrs. Garth Perkins, 20 N. Spring St., Concord, N. H. Particularly 1st Lt. Kenneth B. Cooper.

Billings General Hospital, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis—Will anyone who knows present address of Captain Pillersdorf, M.D., who was at this station in 1942, please notify Joseph E. Masawage, Walton, Ind. Statement needed.

U.S.S. Dolphin—Will appreciate hearing from shipmates between September, 1919, and March, 1920. Information needed to verify service. Jessie H. Handy, 19 Spruce St., Portland, Maine.

15th Airdrome Sqdrn., Los Negros—Will the medical office with this outfit in January, 1945, when the plane crashed in the camp area, or anyone who knows the name of this medical officer please write Donald H. Jones, 475 Perry Street, Buffalo 4, N. Y.

4th Pioneer Bn., 4th Marine Division—Need statement of following men who were with me on Iwo Jima: Corp. Kircher, ex-St. Louis, Mo.; Sgt. Ramberg, ex-Seattle, Wash.; and Sgt. Smith, ex-Chattanooga, Tenn. Need statements, Charles R. Pomeroy, 377 Harbor Rd., San Francisco, Cal.

Co. C, 7th E. T. Bn., ASFTC, Fort Belvoir—Need statements from men who were with me when I was injured while on maneuvers at Big Meadows, Shenandoah National Park, in July, 1944. Sigmund J. Knepp, Deer Lodge, Tenn.

Pvt. Matthew V. Polowski, Engineers, Unassigned—Will anyone who served with this man in the Panama Canal Zone about 12 years ago, 1935 to 1937, please write. Widow unable to establish that he had rheumatic heart while in service. Send all information to Stanley H. Wier, Service Officer, Andrew Plewacki Post, American Legion, 1197 E. Ferry St., Buffalo 11, N. Y.

U.S.S. Dennis (SP 791)—Floyd Spaw, 447 Burbank St. S.E., Washington, D. C., needs to hear from shipmates, August to December, 1918, particularly Roy Surecic, ex-Seattle, Wash., and H. N. Pruitt, ex-Topeka, Kans. Disability claim pending.

Seabee Ken Lubben, Bronx, N. Y.—At Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Va., August, 1943, please write Mrs. Robert E. Loney, 217 Water St., Jackson, Ohio. Needs help for widow's claim.

Troop K, 6th Cavalry—Theodore Mandrinos, 12 Cottage St., Newark 5, N. J., needs urgently to contact the following men who were with him at San Antonio, Texas, between March 1 and July 31, 1918: Robert E. Harlowe, William J. Law, Charles St. Mary, James V. Wood, and Oscar L. Youngdale.

248th CA; Co. K, 331st Inf., 83rd Division and 769th F.A.—Need to contact service comrades in above outfits, particularly Sgt. Ed Connors, Corp. Larry Rehol, 1st Sgt. Clarence Gainsford, and Staff Sgt. Walter Hazar. Statements to establish claim. Thomas J. Keegan, 4321 N. Cole Ave., East Chicago, Ill.

Co. D, 763rd Tank Bn.—Need proof to establish claim; must locate Jerry Phillips, William Hasty, Paul Elmore, and 1st Sgt. Phillips. Address William E. Lewis, 921 East Broad St., Elizabethton, Tenn.

Co. B, 113th Ammunition Train, 38th Division (WW1)—Polie Duncan, Gen. Del., Almo, Ky., needs to locate the doctors and nurses who treated him in Base Hospital, Camp Shelby, Miss., for erysipelas on head and face, in spring of 1918. One nurse was called Miss Frickie. Statements needed to establish claim.

Battery B, 166th AAA—Urgently need to locate men who served with my late husband, Alton B. Culbert. Statements required to prove service-connection. Write Mrs. Bette Culbert, Box 407, Bloomington, Ind.

156th Depot Brigade, Camp Wadsworth, S. C.—Charlie Way, 105 S. Ocean Blvd., Myrtle Beach, S. C., needs to contact officers and men who served with him at this station in 1918; was a cook at the officer's mess. Particularly needs statements of Capt. McKinley, Lt. Miller and Lt. Mull. Claim pending.

586th AAA Battalion—Will men with me on maneuvers out of Camp Bowie, November, 1944, please write. Need help to establish claim. Virgil M. Gauthier, P. O. Box 634, Pascoag, R. I.

PLEASE!!—This column is reserved for the exclusive use of veterans who need to contact service comrades to obtain statements to support or establish claims for injuries and disabilities. We can not print notices about missing persons, notices to renew social contacts, or notices designed to build up mailing lists for unit associations or societies. Also, PLEASE, print all names to be used in a "Comrades in Distress" item—handwritten copy is subject to error.

OUTFIT REUNIONS

2nd (Indian Head) Division—29th annual reunion, Kansas City, Mo., July 6-8; headquarters, Hotel Continental. Information from Robert C. Barr, National Secretary-Treasurer, 116 N. 3rd Street, Camden 2, N. J.

90th (TO) Division Assn., New York—Reunion at 69th Regiment Armory, 26th Street and Lexington Avenue, New York City, January 20, at 8:30 p.m. Entertainment; movies of 90th in action. Info from George C. Contemanolis, 234 West 47th St., New York 19, N. Y.

29th Division Assn.—5th annual get-together under sponsorship of Pittsburgh Post 76, February 3 Cadillac Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa. For details write B. A. Goldsmith, 721 Copeland St., Pittsburgh 32, Pa.

104th (Timberwolf) Infantry Division—Annual convention at Pittsburgh, Pa., September 2-4, (Labor Day week-end). George H. Wagner, President, 13 E. Adams St., Allentown, Pa.; Howard S. Bedney, Secretary-Treasurer, 140-10 Franklin Ave., Flushing, L. I., N. Y.

731st Ordnance (L-M) Co., 31st Inf. Division—2nd annual reunion at Hotel Astor, New York City, April 29-30. Write Edgar G. Bryant, 332 Mamaroneck Ave., Mamaroneck, N. Y.

61st Bomb Squadron, 409th Bomb Group—Reunion of pilots, bombardiers and gunners, February 25-26, Kansas City, Mo. Contact Dale E. Watt, 1020 N. Watts, Portland 3, Oregon.

U.S.S. Joseph T. Dickman—2nd annual reunion at Philadelphia in October. Shipmates contact Phillip V. La Briola, 1435 S. Etting St., Philadelphia 46, Pa.

Washington Greys—1st annual reunion at Bronx Winter Garden, 1874 Washington Ave., Bronx, N. Y., Saturday evening, January 28th. Sponsored by all Washington Greys vet units, Washington Greys Post, American Legion; Washington Greys Post, VFW, and Washington Greys Veteran Assn. Contact Col. George Lopus or Lt. Col. Richard J. Kennedy, at the Armory, 29 W. Kingsbridge Rd., Bronx 63, N. Y.

Co. B, 324th Engineers, 99th Division—Reunion planned; ex-members write Bill Zahari, 4878 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago, Ill.

699th Signals—Reunion in planning stage; all vets SW Pacific service contact James J. Koltz, 2720 Kendall, Detroit 6, Mich.

Battery F, 63rd Artillery (CAC), WW1—31st annual reunion Saturday, March 18, Winthrop Hotel, Tacoma, Wash. For reservations write Ted Vanfossen, Bank of California, Tacoma 1, Wash., or Jim Copeland, 1112 So. 23rd, Tacoma 3, Wash.

177th Army Postal Unit—2nd annual reunion at Pittston, Pa., June 3-5. For info and reservations write Pat Dougherty, 174 Carroll St., Pittston, Pa.

Co. B, 109th Engineer Bn. (C) 34th Infantry Division—Association formed, reunion planned. Vets write F. Nelson, Happy Hollow, Hot Springs, S. Dak.

34th Field Hospital—Reunion planned to be held Chicago in July or August. Vets write Lou Gross, 1223 S. Halsted St., Chicago, Ill.

1050th Signal Co. (S-G), ETO—Reunion being planned. Contact Kenneth B. Young, 4336 Leo Road, Fort Wayne, Ind.

97th Bomb Group, 114th Bomb Squadron—Reunion at Detroit, Mich., October 14. Write Aloysius Moszyk, 909 S. Farragut, Bay City, Mich., for information.

306th General Hospital—1st reunion, Saturday, January 21. Reservations and details from Frank Whelan, 230 York St., Burlington, N. J.

15th Air Force Society of Chicago—Reunion at Congress Hotel, Chicago, on Wednesday, January 11. Info from Nathan Wolfberg, 39 S. LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill.

121st Infantry, 8th Inf. Division—Annual reunion at Macon, Ga., May 20. Information from B. L. Kersey, Jr., 488 First Street, Macon, Ga.

Honors Outstanding Citizen

At a public meeting held in Municipal Hall, Antrim-Mentz Post No. 66, Maple Shade, New Jersey, paid high honors to Rev. Ralph J. Steinhauer, designated as Maple Shade's Most Outstanding Citizen. Rev. Steinhauer was presented the American Legion Citizenship Medal and a citation in recognition of the esteem in which he is held by the Legion and his fellow-townsmen.

A resident of Maple Shade since 1934, "he has served in every worthwhile project launched in the town during the past 15 years. Although pastor of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, he seems to have earned the title of 'Pastor of Maple Shade,'" says the citation.

MID-WEST CONFERENCE ON CHILD WELFARE AT TOPEKA

The Area "D" Child Welfare Conference of The American Legion will be held at Topeka, Kansas, on Friday and Saturday, January 13 and 14. An expected 300 Legion and Auxiliary child welfare workers of the Middle West will be on hand when Area Chairman Glen R. Hillis of Kokomo, Indiana, calls the conference to order.

Departments which will be represented at the meeting are Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

Dr. A. H. Wittmann of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, National Child Welfare Chairman, will open the meeting by outlining a seven-point program for 1950. The remainder of the conference will be devoted to discussions of methods of achieving the 1950 objectives and to study of specific problems raised by department child welfare chairmen.

Department of Kansas has made thorough preparations for handling the conference. All sessions are to be held at Hotel Kansan, which will also house conference visitors.

WW2 HISTORIES NEEDED TO COMPLETE LIBRARY FILES

The New York Public Library has brought together more than 80 percent of the WW2 unit histories, comprising the most complete collection in existence. It is planned to make this part of the library the great central repository of material for the historian, research worker and others who may in the future have need to delve into War 2 history and the records of the men who fought the war. In addition to the published histories and unit records, the library includes camp and unit newspapers, ephemeral issues of all sorts, maps—in fact anything relating to the war.

Diligent search has so far failed to turn up copies of many unit histories. The Library would like to locate copies; if you have one of those listed below, please write C. E. Dornbusch, Special Assistant in Government Documents, New York Public Library, 5th Avenue at 42nd Street, New York City.

Report of the Occupation of Japan. 6th U. S. Army, 22 September 1945—30 November 1945. 99 pages.

History of V Corps. June 6, 1944. 511 pages.
Mission Accomplished. The Story of the Campaigns of the VII Corps, U. S. Army, in the War Against Germany, 1944-45. 80 pages.

One Hundred and Eighty Days. XIII Corps. 43 pages.

The Ghost Corps Thru Hell and High Water. A Short History of the XX Corps, U. S. Army. 29 pages.

The 24th Infantry Division: A Brief History. Kyoto, Japan. 103 pages.

Hold Fast! Historical Bits, 9th Infantry Division. 48 pages.

History of the 40th Infantry Division in the Philippines. 58 pages.

66. A Story of World War II, by Siinto Wessman. 175 pages.

87th Infantry Division, Special Troops.

95th Infantry Division History, 1918-1946, by George M. Fuernman.

Historical Journal, Special Troops, 102nd Infantry Division.

LEGION AWARDED FREEDOM MEDAL FOR AMERICANISM

A medal was presented to The American Legion for its Americanism Commission's distinguished contributions to the American way of life, in exercises conducted by Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, last November. Past National Commander James F. O'Neill accepted the award in behalf of the Legion from General Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of Columbia University, who was chairman for the occasion. The ceremonies were held at the farm where Washington's Army spent the tragic winter of 1777-78 which is now Freedom Foundation's national headquarters.

Some two hundred "speak up for freedom" prizes were awarded to organizations and individuals, who were chosen for honors by a jury of 21 noted Americans headed by President Harold E. Stassen of the University of Pennsylvania. A gold medal, with cash prize, was given to Eugene Lyons for his article, *Speak Up For America*, published in the February, 1949, number of *The American Legion Magazine*.

Edward G. Marshall, a Boys' Stater who won fourth place in the Legion's National Oratorical Contest in 1948, received a cash award for his graduation address, *Frontiers of Opportunity*, delivered at the Las Vegas (Nevada) high school last June.

A FEW TIPS ON NATIONAL SERVICE LIFE INSURANCE

Here is a quick run-down on a few of the main points of National Service Life Insurance.

(1) You can buy as little as \$1,000 worth of GI insurance or as much as \$10,000.

(2) There are six permanent plans of GI insurance—Ordinary Life, Thirty Pay Life, Twenty Pay Life and three Endowment Plans. You may choose any one, or any combination of the six.

(3) The Veterans Administration will pay off in one sum if that is what you want. Or you may choose regular monthly installments.

(4) The VA will pay off to anyone you select—a member of your family, or someone not even related to you.

(5) NSLI is free from all restrictions as to residence, travel, occupation, or military or naval service.

(6) The premium rates are low because the government bears the entire cost of administration and pays all losses traceable to the extra hazards of military or naval service.

Is your GI insurance exactly the way you want it? Time changes and your insurance needs change too. Perhaps things are better for you now and you can afford to carry as much as \$10,000 insurance. What about your beneficiaries? A marriage or a birth may make you want to name new beneficiaries. Have you notified the VA of the way you want your insurance paid off? Remember, the VA cannot pay your insurance to the persons you want unless you tell the VA who they are. Take care of this important matter right now. Check your insurance often. Keep it up to date. Be sure your GI insurance fits your present needs. Write or visit your nearest VA office for forms and additional information or see your post service officer who will be glad to help you.

LIVING MEMORIAL PLANNED FOR WAR ENTERTAINERS

A living memorial dedicated to the memory and services of the valiant men and women of the entertainment world who served the fighting men in remote places during the war and are still serving the wounded and sick in hospitals, is planned by a committee formed in New York recently. The memorial will take the form of a national theatre—a very special sort of theatre; in fact a great training center.

The idea had its inception at Kingsbridge VA Hospital when a group of war-wounded were discussing a show just given by a Broadway theatre company—a special performance which had been stimulating and cheering. As a result of the discussion, plans were set on foot to form a committee to carry the idea to complete realization. Plans for the memorial are well advanced.

As visualized, the memorial theatre would serve as a training center to teach the show business to veterans and their children; to organize and send out show units to service camps and veterans' hospitals; to develop new talent, and to put on its own theatrical productions. The building, designed by a nationally known architect already engaged, would also include special rooms for show and veteran activities, a museum and a hall of fame.

THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

OCTOBER 31, 1949

ASSETS

Cash on hand and on deposit..	\$1,055,762.55
Receivables	177,003.70
Inventories	402,832.07
Invested Funds	961,740.96
Permanent Trusts:	
Overseas Graves Decoration	
Trust Fund .. \$	251,779.83
Employees' Retirement	
Trust Fund ..	1,049,572.44
Real Estate, less depreciation..	1,301,352.27
Furniture and Fixtures, less	278,624.71
depreciation	273,442.30
Deferred Charges	102,264.89
	<u>\$4,553,023.45</u>

LIABILITIES, DEFERRED REVENUE AND NET WORTH

Current Liabilities	\$ 157,937.06
Funds restricted as to use....	273,592.68
Deferred Income	1,326,685.03
Permanent Trusts:	
Overseas Graves Decoration	
Trust	\$ 251,779.83
Employees' Retirement	
Trust	1,049,572.44
Net Worth:	
Restricted Capital:	
Reserve Fund.. \$	739,580.76
Restricted	
Fund	13,023.14
Reserve for construction of	
Washington	
Office	327,898.97
Real Estate ..	130,000.00
Surplus	1,210,502.87
*Excess of income over ex-	
pense 10 months	167,281.92
	115,671.62
	<u>282,953.54</u>
	<u>1,493,456.41</u>
	<u>\$4,553,023.45</u>

* Most of the dues for 1949 have been received and credited. The excess of income over expense will be available for operations for the remaining two months of 1949.

Veterans Newsletter

A DIGEST OF EVENTS WHICH ARE LIKELY TO BE OF PERSONAL INTEREST TO YOU

January, 1950

PENNSYLVANIA VOTES WW2 VET BONUS:

By a whopping vote of four to one, Pennsylvania voters on November 8 approved the payment of a half billion dollar bonus to the Keystone State's 1,280,000 WW2 veterans....The measure had previously passed two regular sessions of the State Legislature, as required by law, and the amendment to Constitution also provided for bond issue to meet the cost....The law went into effect upon ratification by the voters....Pennsylvania did well by its defenders: The act authorizes payment of \$10 for each month of home service and \$15 for each month of foreign service, up to a maximum of \$500....Eligibility rules require: Residence in State at time of induction; service with U. S. Armed Forces or allied nations between December 7, 1941, and September 2, 1945....However, those on duty on September 2, 1945, may count service prior to March 3, 1946....No payment is made for less than 60 days of service....Maximum amount is paid to next-of-kin of war dead....Next-of-kin of vets who died after discharge collect amount of bonus in following order: Un-remarried widow, minor child or children, mother or father, which also includes foster parents....Application forms will be distributed through The Adjutant General, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania....Attention, please: The deadline for filing applications is July 1, 1950.

NEW JERSEY REJECTS WW2 VETERAN BONUS:

By a close margin, electors of New Jersey rejected a State bonus to its 550,000 WW2 service men and women at the election held on November 8....Sixth State to refuse to vote a bonus, New Jersey voters were not in mind to add a new tax on gross business receipts which was tacked on to the proposal as the means of raising money to pay the bill....Other States which have voted down bonus proposals are Maine, Missouri, Nebraska, Oregon and Wisconsin.

WASHINGTON COURT HOLDS BONUS CONSTITUTIONAL:

Paving the way for immediate payment of the State bonus, Washington Supreme Court, in 5-to-4 decision, ruled the 1949 \$80,000,000 WW2 veterans bonus law constitutional....Apparently this ends the long dispute and, according to Attorney General Smith Troy, payment to eligible vets will start some time in late January or early February....First approved by the voters at the 1948 election, the court held the law to be unconstitutional....Re-enacted in 1949, the measure had to run the gauntlet of the courts again....Bonds are to be retired by tax on cigarettes, which adds two cents per deck to the fag-smoker's bill....Under this law bona fide Oregon residents or citizens (one year or more before entering service) who served with the Armed Forces between December 7, 1941, and September 2, 1945, will collect \$10 per month for home service and \$15 for each month of foreign service....No maximum amount fixed....Next-of-kin of men who died in service may collect in following order: Un-remarried widow, surviving dependent children or dependent parents....Application forms may be had from the State Auditor, Olympia, Washington.

NEW YORKERS-IN-EXILE TO GET BONUS:

New York voters, at the November 8 election, gave a big okay to pay its 150,000 WW2 vets who live in other States the full amount of the Empire State bonus....These veterans who took post-war residence outside of New York were excluded from payment in

the original measure -- and be it said that New York was the only one of the 18 States to thus refuse payment to its eligibles....The injustice now righted, New Yorkers-in-exile are invited -- yea, urged -- by the New York State Veterans' Bonus Bureau to get their applications in early....Anticipating favorable action by the electorate, the 1949 Legislature enacted the necessary enabling laws....Checks will start flowing out on January 2....Rates are: \$50 for less than 60 days' service in U. S.; \$150 for 60 days or more in home service, and \$250 for any foreign service....Active duty between December 7, 1941, and September 2, 1945 is required....Residence in State at least six months before entering service....No deadline fixed for filing applications....Use same form of application as for vets who stayed in State....File claim (by mail only) with New York State Veterans' Bonus Bureau, 1875 North Broadway, Albany, New York.

NEW YORK ABOLISHES FULL VET PREFERENCE:

Absolute preference for veterans in New York State Civil Service was wiped off the books by the voters at the November 8 election....An amendment to the Constitution was approved which radically changes the preference rules, and gives the veteran a preference on examinations only....Under the old system, disabled veterans got first preference in appointments, veterans not disabled next, and both classes had absolute preference over non-veterans....The new system gives disabled vets a 10-point preference; non-disabled veterans a 5-point preference on examination for appointment....Half will be granted on promotion examinations, but veteran preference can be used only once.

SUPREME COURT UNHOLDS VET JOB RIGHTS:

In a decision of major importance to thousands of WW2 veterans, the Supreme Court of the United States strengthened the job rights under the Selective Service Act by ruling that a vet's seniority rights extend beyond the one year's re-employment to which he is entitled....The Court also ruled that the expiration of that one-year period did not end a veteran's right to sue in United States courts in order to enforce those rights....The decision, reversing the lower courts, came up on two cases from the U. S. District Court of Kentucky....Both had to do with seniority, with slightly different backgrounds....Justice Burton, who wrote the unanimous decision, held that the draft act "did not establish a one-year statute of limitation upon the assertion of the veteran's initial rights of re-employment"....."It added special statutory protection, for one year, against certain types of discharge or demotions that might rob the veteran's re-employment of its substance, but the expiration of that year did not terminate the right of the veteran to the seniority to which he was, in the first place, entitled."

COAST GUARD ACADEMY CADET EXAMINATIONS:

Youngsters who can qualify under stiff competitive exams, have a chance to enter the United States Coast Guard Academy, New London, Connecticut, to prepare for a career in that branch of Uncle Sam's service....Unlike the other service academies at West Point and Annapolis, no Congressional appointment is required....The examinations for cadets are held in February of each year and are open to all young men between 17 and 22, who are high school graduates, or seniors who will be graduated

by June, and who fulfill the educational and physical requirements... The Coast Guard invites applications: those who do not meet the high standard of the cadet corps are quickly weeded out....The Academy is one of the top-notch schools...The course is that of B.S. in Engineering.... Graduates receive a commission in the Coast Guard as Ensign....In addition, cadets are paid enough to cover their living expenses while in the Academy...Full details and application forms from Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard, Washington 25, D. C.

U. S. WAR VETERANS TOTAL 19 MILLION:

Of the total of nearly 25,000,000 men and women who have fought this nation's wars since the beginning of the Revolution, 934,000 died in service -- but, as of September 30, there were 19,000,000 veterans still living....In answer to frequent requests for statistics on vets the VA made a breakdown....The tabulation disclosed that 16,535,000 participated in WW2, of whom 409,000 died in service, and that 15,252,000 are living, not counting those still in the Armed Services....The Civil War was the next most costly in lives; of 2,192,000 in the National services who participated in it, 364,000 died in service....Twenty-one Union vets are still alive; outnumbered by Confederate vets (30) who live in 12 States....No figures were given for those enrolled or in-service deaths in the C.S.A. forces....In the First World War, some 4,744,000 took part and 131,000 died in service. According to VA there are 3,570,000 WW1 vets living....The Spanish-American War had 392,000 participants, 11,000 in-service deaths, and 125,000 veterans still living....The figures for other wars of which no veterans are living are: Mexican War -- 130,000 participants, 13,000 in-service deaths; War of 1812 -- 536,000 participants, 2,000 in-service deaths; Revolutionary War -- 395,000 participants, 4,000 in-service deaths.

SOME IMPORTANT DEADLINES FOR VET BENEFITS:

A number of benefits granted WW2 veterans have time limits fixed by law....Eligibles are warned of some of the more important ones:

GI Bill Education and Training. WW2 vets discharged before July 25, 1947, must start their GI Bill education or training before July 25, 1951. Those discharged after July 25, 1947, (end of the war for benefit purposes) must begin their courses within four years after discharge....In both cases, training must be completed by July 25, 1956....Exception is made for vets who re-enlisted under Armed Forces Recruitment Act (Public Law 190) between October 6, 1945, and October 5, 1946....These vets have four years from end of this enlistment period in which to begin training, and nine years to complete it.

Public Law 16 Education and Training. Disabled vets of WW2 may begin Public Law 16 education and training at any time after discharge, but in time to complete their courses by July 25, 1956.

GI Loans. WW2 vets may apply for loans guaranteed or insured under the GI Bill until July 25, 1957....Exception is made for those who re-enlisted under Armed Forces Recruitment Act....They have 10 years from the end of their enlistment period in which to apply.

Readjustment Allowances. GI Bill readjustment allowance program has ended for most WW2 vets....Those discharged after July 25, 1947, however, may apply for the employment and self-employment allowance at any time within two years after discharge....No payments will be made after July 25, 1952....Exception again is made for those who re-enlisted under Armed Forces Recruitment Act. They have up to two years from date of discharge to claim readjustment allowances.

Cars for Disabled Veterans. WW2 vets who, in

service, lost, or lost the use of, one or both legs at or above the ankle may be entitled to receive an automobile or other conveyance at Government expense....They have until June 30, 1950, to apply.

Non-Deadline Benefits. Other VA-administered benefits for war veterans are not restricted by deadlines. They may be applied for at any time....Veterans of all wars and service-connected peacetime vets are entitled to medical, hospital and domiciliary care....WW2 vets may apply for new National Service Life Insurance or for reinstatement of lapsed NSLI....Compensation for service-connected disabilities is provided for veterans of all wars and peacetime service....Pension for nonservice-connected disabilities (under certain conditions) is granted veterans of Spanish-American War and both World Wars....Government grants for specially designed housing are authorized for vets of war or peacetime service who served subsequent to April 21, 1898, and who are suffering from certain service-connected disabilities.

Benefits for Survivors of Deceased Veterans. Survivors of deceased veterans of all wars and of certain peacetime veterans have two years in which to file claims for burial allowances, after permanent burial or cremation....Survivors of all veterans who died of service-connected causes may apply for compensation at any time after the veteran's death....Survivors of veterans of the Spanish-American War and both World Wars who died of causes not attributable to service may apply for pensions at any time after the veteran's death.

POW CLAIM FORMS READY IN JANUARY:

Word comes from Washington that the recently organized War Claims Commission will have official forms for claims of ex-prisoners of war and civilian internees ready for distribution about the first of January....These forms are for the listing of claims for the \$1-per-day allowance for each day spent on sub-standard enemy prison camp diets and for other proper claims....Distribution of the official forms will be made to eligibles through American Legion Posts and Service Officers, other veterans' organizations, State veterans' service agencies, Red Cross, Veterans Administration, and through American embassies....The War Claims Commission believes that the ex-POWs and civilians will be better served, and with less delay, if the forms are obtained from a designated agency where assistance will be given, if necessary, in filling them out....Again the Commission warns against sharpshooters who try to sell application forms....No claim will be processed for payment unless it is submitted on the official blank form authorized by the Commission.....These are free, and no fee will be charged by the designated agencies.

DISABLED URGED TO REINSTATE NSLI:

The National Rehabilitation Commission calls attention to an error in an item under the above caption, page 28, December number....Quoting Chairman Rankin, House Vet Committee, it was stated that service-connected veterans could reinstate NSLI before December 31, 1949, without examination....Correction: Report of physical examination on prescribed VA form in addition to the initial premium, is a prerequisite to determination of a WW2 veteran's right to reinstate his NSLI prior to January 1, 1950.

NSLI POLICIES PASS TWENTY MILLION MARK:

Total number of National Service Life Insurance policies issued since the program went into effect in October, 1940, passed the 20,000,000-mark in September, 1949....At that time 7,220,000 policies were active....These policies had a total face value of \$41,500,000,000.

Can Calumet Do It Again?

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Those who think Calumet Farm is just plain lucky point to the Bull Lea gold mine. Then they point to Bob Kleberg's big King Ranch in Texas, which must have the rabbit's ears instead of its feet. Mrs. Ethel D. Jacobs claimed a colt from King Ranch for \$1,500 some years back. The colt didn't seem like much at the time but its name was Stymie, and Stymie is the present top money winner—just short of a million dollars. Kleberg had the bad luck to let a horse with a great future run in a cheap claiming race.

Kleberg also owns Assault, a stallion which rated, as a racehorse, right alongside Calumet's best of this generation. But when Assault slowed down and was hopefully given stud duty he turned out to be sterile, so he was returned to the races to run his career out and retired last October 17th. What a sire he might have been!

Calumet has bad luck too. Citation, at four years of age, didn't race a step in 1949 due to an injury. Second in winnings only to Stymie, Citation might have won over a million today. Of course he may yet, but one of his best years has been lost. Calumet's 1944 Kentucky Derby winner, Pensive, began a wonderful stud career. He fathered Ponder and Theory, then died too young last spring, about 450 foals short of a normal stud career.

If there is an explanation of Calumet's success (and people are forever trying to explain it) it is a combination of good breeding, good management, good horse-handling and wonderful patience. Good luck there is too, but there might not be so much of that if the farm didn't have the best of everything else.

Warren Wright's father, founder of the Calumet Baking Powder fortune, operated a stock farm near Chicago thirty years ago. He was William Monroe Wright, and on his farm he bred trotting horses. While he was at it he bred the gelding Peter Manning, which set a world trotting record of one minute 56¾ seconds for the mile in 1921. Most enduring of all trotting records, Peter Manning's standard lasted sixteen years before Greyhound broke it in 1937.

In 1924 the elder Wright moved his stock to Kentucky. He established a breeding farm just outside of Lexington on the Versailles Pike (pronounced Versailles.) The blue-grass there, fed by the lime-rich soil of old Kentucky, is the best natural horse-pasture in the country. Wright named the farm Calumet, after his baking powder. At Calumet, William Monroe Wright continued to breed trotters until his death in 1931. Calumet trotters were as common then as Hanover trotters are today. There was nearly a whole alphabet of them, starting with Calumet Adam.

Son Warren Wright was a business executive, with broad interests and activity in many corporations. Those who know him say it is unlikely he learned much about breeding horses from his father. He took little interest in horses until he inherited Calumet Farm in 1931. Then he began almost from scratch as an owner,

breeder and racer of thoroughbred horses.

Warren's first step was to dispense with the trotters and shift to the blue-bloods. He nearly doubled the farm to its present extent, 1,038 acres. In 1933 he raced some racehorses he had bought. Total winnings were \$22,055—little more than a third of what two-year-old Theory won for him in three races at Belmont last October. It cost far more than that to run the stable. Wright, the successful executive and organizer, was dissatisfied to operate a losing venture. He began to drop his business activities and concentrate all his skill on a business-like stable. Since then he has let go of every outside activity in favor of Calumet.

Only in the long view is there anything spectacular about the Calumet story. When Wright went into the thoroughbred business in 1931 he was ten years away from his first Derby winner, ten years away from his first great three-year-old, from the succession of stakes winners which have dominated racing since 1941. But during those ten years he was lying in the weeds, carrying out a plan. The plan was simplicity itself, looking back at it. Here it is, just as it happened.

Plan A—Get a string of the best brood mares possible, buy them or breed them, but get them.

Plan B—Get one or more truly great stallions to breed to the brood mares. Until you can find your own, breed your mares to the best outside stallions.

Plan C—When you have the best breeding stable in the land go out and hire the best horse-handlers alive to manage the greatest colts and fillies ever bred.

The plan has worked to perfection. It is the story of Calumet Farm. And it is not an explanation dreamed up now, but was witnessed and reported as it happened by reporters who felt a premonition about the results.

For a year Wright appeared to be just a

breeder. A racing magazine in 1933 noted that Calumet invested \$182,000 in mares and yearlings in 1932 and spent over \$16,000 in stud fees. Earlier it listed some of the mares and matings and remarked that the Calumet breeding farm seemed to be laying a "solid foundation."

In 1933 that magazine, *The Blood-Horse*, congratulated Mr. Wright on his "business acumen" and remarked at the excellent breeding of 16 foals born at Calumet that spring. By December the magazine's language was stronger. It referred to the "powerful group of mares" Mr. Wright was accumulating.

The following spring *The Blood-Horse* listed 83 thoroughbreds bought or bred by Calumet thus far, and it sensed the stallion phase of the Wright plan when it reported of a stable that wasn't winning many races, "There is no stallion (at Calumet), the policy being to patronize (other stallions) until some horse carrying Calumet's red and blue stripes earns the right to become a sire."

Five years after Warren Wright took over Calumet, *The Blood-Horse* assigned Joe Palmer, now *The New York Herald Tribune's* excellent horse-writer, to do a feature on Calumet's Kentucky Derby prospects for 1936. Palmer, writing the first of the thousands of feature stories which have since been written about Calumet, was not at all impressed by Wright's Derby hopefuls. He was struck instead by Plan A. His story began "There is not a badly bred horse in the Calumet training barn."

It was true. For several years Wright had had horses racing here and there, but had produced nothing sensational. But Plan A had developed. Calumet was loaded with mares and yearlings carrying the blood of that grand old stud, Teddy, and Teddy's son, Bull Dog. Also the blood of Man o' War, Reigh Count, Sir Galahad III and a number of other excellent stal-



"And this is my son, by a previous marriage, and another son by marriage previous to that, and two daughters by marriage previous to that, and—"

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lions and mares from other stables which the average citizen wouldn't recognize.

It was time for Plan B. For five years Wright had been looking for the right stallion. On July 7, 1936 Wright made the largest investment of a syndicate of stable-owners which bought the nine-year-old stallion Blenheim II from Prince Aga Khan, for an estimated quarter-million dollars. Blenheim won the English Derby in 1930, and sired Mahmoud who won it later. Wright paid for a quarter of Blenheim, the six others in the syndicate bought an eighth each. Was Wright lucky when his mare, Dust Whirl, foaled Blenheim II's greatest offspring? Perhaps. On the other hand, perhaps Wright had the best selection of mares to breed to the imported stud, and as one-fourth owner he could breed Blenheim II to ten mares a year while each of the others could breed to five. He made his chances better.

Anyway, in the spring of 1938 a foal which was to be named Whirlaway was born out of Dust Whirl by Blenheim II at Calumet Farm. Whirlaway was destined to be the greatest racehorse of his day; a horse about which men would grow sentimental, which they would fondly nickname Mr. Longtail; which would be Calumet's first Kentucky Derby winner in 1941 and would go on to be the first horse to win a half-million dollars, which would have an annual race named after him in Chicago to be won by other Calumet horses later. Finally he would become a Calumet stud horse, like Bull Lea.

We have told about Bull Lea already. In 1940 Bull Lea was in stud at Calumet, siring colts and fillies that were to run later. But in 1939 Bull Lea was running with the Calumet-bred colts bringing in purses about on a par with the average well-to-do stable. Nothing sensational yet, but it was time for Plan C.

In 1939 Wright cast about for the best horse-handlers to be found. Good breeding horses must be complemented by the best human team. Wright got the team—

a crew of men so good that Wright's name begins to disappear from the success factor of Calumet Farm. Today it is common talk around stables that Warren Wright's current contribution to the management of Calumet horses is his hands-off attitude. Calumet major policy and the backing of it are still his. But he is strictly a non-interferer in the jobs of his employees. Having hired the best he leaves them alone and reaps the reward. His resolve in this matter is truly remarkable, since many stable owners cannot resist the temptation to second-guess their trainers and farm managers, or override them.

Anyone in racing will be able to identify another stable which has had so many trainers—because of a policy the opposite of Wright's—that not even those with sharp memories can list them all. It is ten years since Calumet had a turnover in training personnel and those ten years have been the heyday of the Farm.

In 1939 Whirlaway was one year old on January 1st. All racehorses officially celebrate their first birthday the New Year's Day after they are foaled. That same year Wright employed Ben A. Jones, then 56, to be his trainer.

Jones had a free hand to hire his own help, consequently Wright also hired what has come to be known as the Jones gang. Ben Jones brought along his son, Jimmy, as assistant trainer. He also brought a small army of horse-handlers who were old friends of Ben's. Since that day the Jones gang is generally given the credit for Calumet's success. Wright gets credit because he had sense enough, like a good personnel manager, to hire the Joneses and leave them alone.

Let's take a quick look at this Plan C, at this Jones gang who have handled America's greatest training stable for ten years.

Now 66, Ben Jones is a soft-spoken, glassy skinned man who has lived with horses all his life and is by common consent the best trainer in the business. Not

by Ben's consent. He has moved up to Manager of Racing. Son Jimmy is trainer, and Ben says Jimmy is "the most capable trainer in America."

A trainer means a lot. Much of the bad luck of racing comes from the wrong guess of the owner or the trainer. A good trainer must know horses as a mother must know her baby, or better. He says how much to work this mare this morning, how often that colt may race, and at what distance. Rest that one. Sorry, sir, Big Boy oughtn't to run in the \$100,000 handicap. Sure he can win it, but he's had enough racing this summer.

Decisions like that are hard to make. To be right most of the time you must be half-horse yourself. Ben and Jimmy are half-horse.

"I come from Parnell, Missouri," says Ben. "It was my father's farm and became Parnell when I was four years old. Turned into a town when the railroad came through and made our farm a stop."

His father owned a lot of stock—horses and cattle.

"When I was a boy," Ben says, "my biggest interests were Holstein cattle and racehorses. As a kid I read about racehorses, cut out their pictures. As long as I can remember I associated myself with them."

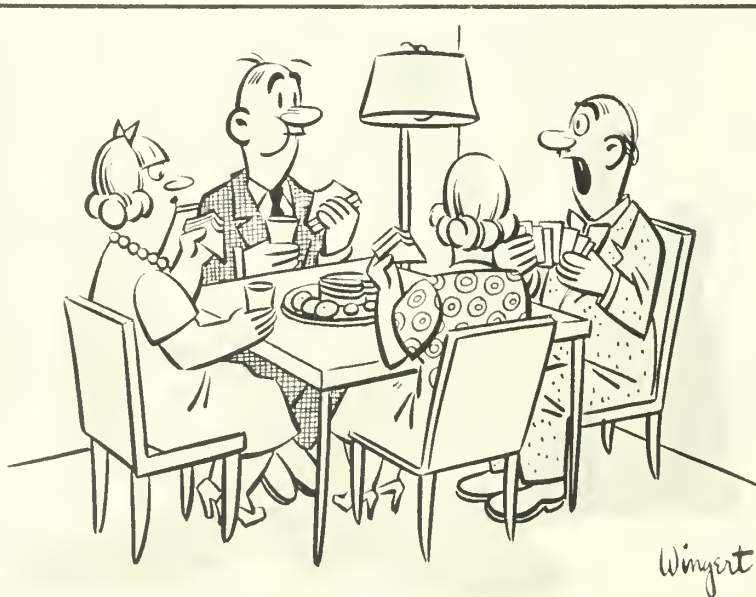
"Big crowds used to gather at our farm Saturdays and we'd make up match races with the fastest horses you could find around the country. We'd match quarter-horses at county fairs."

"The racing got into my blood so much I quit being an ordinary farm boy and stuck to the fast ponies. The game was cheap then and the purses were small. It was hard to make it go. But as I got older I got myself a bunch of mares and bred 'em the best I could."

"When I inherited our Parnell farm from my daddy we enlarged it and made it a racehorse farm. It was hard-going even then. That wasn't thoroughbred country and there weren't any good studs for hundreds of miles. But I stuck at it because I loved it, and I've been with horses over forty years now."

Ben Jones made a go of low-income-bracket horseracing on his own for many years. He never worked for another man until he was forty-nine, when he became a trainer for Woolford Farm in Kansas City, owned by Herbert M. Woolf. By coincidence he succeeded Dan E. Stewart who resigned as trainer at Woolford to become Warren Wright's first trainer of racers at Calumet, then just getting under way. That was 1932. Six years later Ben Jones trained Woolf's only Kentucky Derby winner, Lawrin. The next year he was working for Calumet.

Woolf sought Ben Jones out in 1932 because Ben had been a "gyp" for so many years he had earned a well-deserved reputation as a man who was half-horse. A "gyp" in horse parlance is not what you may think. It is a special corruption of the word "gypsy," meaning an owner-trainer who hops around the smaller tracks with a small stable to race, a small group of blooded horses for sale, looking for the small purses and small profits. It is such a rough business that a man who keeps at it successfully over a



"Who ate the King of Diamonds?"

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string of years gets to be well known as one with horse-sense in the full meaning of the word. "Gypdom" is horse-racing's toughest school of experience. Most racing is "luck." That is, it is hazardous. Thoroughbreds are high-strung, nervous, fragile animals. Many are "born to be great" but end up lame, or sick, or dead. Many are bred to be fast, but are slow.

Anyway, most racing luck is bad. A man who survives on a shoestring operation for several decades just has to know a lot about the business. Woolf thought Ben Jones knew, in 1932. So did Warren Wright, in 1939.

Ben Jones' son is now forty-two. His name is Horace Allyn Jones, but if you didn't call him Jimmy Jones race-folks wouldn't know who you meant. Jimmy, today, is very close to a carbon copy of Ben. Both are slightly bulky, slightly tall, slightly thin-lipped, very earnest and sober in demeanor with pale blue-grey eyes. They look like typical prosperous and respected American farmers, used to authority and using it well—accustomed to listen to anyone and make sound decisions.

When Jimmy recently moved up to become Calumet's trainer and Ben became Manager of Racing it meant "no change" in Calumet horse-handling. As a boy Jimmy had little chance to be anything but a horseman with a father like Ben around and a stableful of horseflesh near enough to be smelled all times. Jimmy did take a fling at politics once and served a term as mayor of Parnell (pop. 500.)

Not long ago Ben Jones sat on a folding chair in the Belmont stable and chatted about Jimmy. Calumet handlers walked an endless parade of lean-legged, nervous, full-chested thoroughbreds to and from exercise. Over thirty Calumet racehorses in training nickered and stirred in their long row of stalls.

Ben's eye followed the big gelding, Armed, as it walked past.

"Jimmy, today, is the best trainer in the business," he said.

Ben paused and seemed to be groping for words to say that a man's son had exceeded his father's wishes for him.

"Jimmy grew up with horses. He was exercising racers at ten, and soon he was running them. He'd work at the barn until schooltime, then dash off."

Ben looked at the man he was talking to and thought some. Finally he found the words to say what he felt: "We developed Jimmy," he said, "same as we'd develop a thoroughbred."

When the Joneses moved from Missouri to Kentucky in 1939, Ben brought along to Calumet Farm not only his son but a nucleus of exercise boys, grooms and stable hands who knew and loved horses as Ben and Jimmy did—and who knew what the Joneses wanted and expected. Some of these men have been with Ben for decades. They are so fondly known by nicknames that their proper handles now come with difficulty to Ben's mind.

One is Jake Hizar, foreman of the traveling Calumet training stable. Jake, nearly as broad as he is high, has been with Ben over 25 years, off and on. "Slow," a Negro groom whose real name is Charles Martin, has been with Ben

and Jimmy over 25 years. Another of the gang is called "Pink." He is a horse-exerciser and has been with the Jones' human team seventeen years. His real name is Albert Brown.

Are these people, and the others at Calumet, important? With perhaps too great modesty Ben Jones recently said: "We can't be breeding all the good horses. Sure, I think Bull Lea is the greatest stud in my time. But we don't have any secrets about breeding.

"I think you have to add everything together to explain Calumet Farm. At Calumet we all pull together, we all like one



another and all work for the same end.

"Mr. Wright is an efficient organizer, a good judge of people, and spares nothing for the good of the farm and the horses. Everything he does he tries to do awful well. He started from scratch and now Calumet has had four Derby winners, all Calumet bred.

"Breeding? Yes. But also the horses we breed have the best of everything. Down on the farm, where Mr. Paul Ebelhardt is manager, they get wonderful care. Everybody in the management, from Mr. Wright on down to the last stable boy likes to hear the other fellow's opinion and every man's specialty is respected."

That is the opinion of the man who formed the nucleus of Warren Wright's human element back in 1939, the gang of Plan C which was destined to handle Calumet's truly great horses.

The first of these horses, in 1939, was the lean-jawed, slant-eyed yearling Whirlaway, by Blenheim II. Whirlaway was the next thing to a savage, and he quickly became Ben Jones' career. Ben nursed him and babied him and petted him and soothed him and whispered to him. He never stopped, not even when Whirlaway grew, won the Kentucky Derby in 1941, and went on to win and win and win until "Whirly" or "Mr. Long-tail" meant the same thing as racehorse.

Ben Jones knew how to handle a high-strung, wild horse. Once he had the mare Continuity, a lady with Whirlaway's disposition and a bad appetite. He cut a hole near her feed trough to an adjoining stall where lived a gentle mare who was a "good doer," meaning a horse that eats lustily and happily. Continuity, whether out of jealousy or sociability, saw her neighbor eat and did likewise, with all the pacifying effect that a full belly can bring.

Whirlaway was the first horse ever to win a half-million dollars. Quickly he had company at Calumet. Pensive, son of great English stud Hyperion, won the Derby in 1944. The same year Armed, son of Bull Lea, got off weakly to an illustrious career. In 1946 Armed, a gelding, was the seventh Calumet horse to win \$100,000, for they were coming thick and fast out of the wonderful mares by then. Armed won \$288,725 in that one year to break Exterminator's record as the winningest gelding that ever lived. For a time he was second among all money-winners. Then Armed's fellow offspring by Bull Lea came on with a wave, culminating in the great horses of today, Citation and Coaltown—who took first and second in the 1948 Kentucky Derby. Then Pensive's son, Ponder, won the 1949 Derby. We have skipped many fine Calumet horses. We must. There were fleet mares on the list. Twilight Tear, Bewitch, Wistful, Easy Lass, mother of Wistful, mother of Coaltown too. Lesser colts that won and won again.

Of all of them, the stud Bull Lea is the greatest. He is a grandson of Teddy, and his descendants are not at all like Blenheim II's savage Whirlaway.

"I'm crazy about the Teddy line," Ben Jones said recently. "Bull Lea's offspring are nice colts to handle. Gentle. The smartest I ever trained, and I can't guess how many that is over nearly fifty years. They have common sense. Bull Lea is a big, fine, brown horse."

Somewhere along the line Calumet horses developed long tails. They must come from some of the mares, for Whirlaway, by Blenheim II, trailed a veritable black banner in the faces of the also-rans, and Coaltown, by Bull Lea, can wave good-bye with his bushy streamer as well.

Well, that's the story. Plans A, B, and C (mares, stallions and men) were completed in 1939. You would need a lot of paper to fill in the tremendous record since then. Even its outline begins to escape one as the races roll by and the Calumet record piles up.

Whirlaway was great. Then came Armed and the lovely mare with the lovely name, Twilight Tear. And other stallions, geldings and mares from Calumet. You list Whirlaway, Twilight Tear, Bewitch, Fervent, Faultless, Armed, Citation, Coaltown, Pensive, Ponder. They were all great, most of them still are. Then you look at the other stables. They too had great horses in the Forties. One here and one there. Ethel Jacob's Stymie. King Ranch's Assault. John (U Drive) Hertz's Count Fleet. Albert Sabath's Alsab. Alsab and Louis Tufano's Marketwise gave Whirlaway his main competition. Over the decade Greentree Stable gave

Calumet its roughest time, and today Greentree's Capot holds the fort almost alone against Coaltown. Ponder and Citation, should the latter run again. Capot was "The horse of the year" in 1949 because he won four of eight races against Calumet entries. Isadore Bieber is building a strong string. But Calumet is the Notre Dame of racing.

You go down to the near-great horses. Many stables have them. Who can name them all? Calumet has more than any other. Keeps having them. Great mares beget the best from great stallions. Great handlers make the most of great colts and fillies.

You count the winnings. Harry Sinclair's stable set the one-year record in 1923 at \$438,849. Calumet topped that in 1941 with \$475,090. Beat all stables in 1943. Set a new record at \$601,560 in 1944. Won a million in 1947, again in '48; way over in 1949. It costs about a half-million a year to operate Calumet today. That only leaves something over a half-million a year for profit and to repay the expenses of the years when Plans A, B and C were costing, not paying. Maybe the books are balancing now.

And so we come to the question. Can Calumet do it again? Do what?

Win the Derby in 1950?

Well, it's your money. The next Derby winner was two years old in 1949. Calumet's Theory, Greentree's Guillotine and King Ranch's Middleground look good in the "early book." They ran well as two-year-olds. Theory and Guillotine hold im-

portant decisions over each other. There are other horses around. Calumet's Re-Armed hasn't a bad record as a two-year-old. And he's a full brother to Armed who finished third or better 47 times in 53 races and just began to run at three. Calumet's Ponder didn't have a good record as a two-year-old either. He won \$400. Counted out in last spring's Derby, even by Ben Jones, Ponder won the race and finished out 1949 far ahead of all the "early book" favorites as a three-year-old except for Greentree's Capot. Ponder is a son of Pensive, Calumet's 1944 derby winner. So is Theory. Calumet's Duchess Peg may be a Derby entry. Sunlit is a Calumet Derby prospect who has won. And watch out for Foremost, son of Whirlaway and Twilight Tear, grandson of Blenheim II and Bull Lea!

Well, anyway, last spring they said Calumet couldn't win the Derby, but Ponder won it. Now nobody is saying Calumet can't win the 1950 Derby. But it's your money.

Can Calumet win a million dollars again?

Barring unusual bad luck it should be easy. Ponder will be four this year. He won a third of a million last year. Coaltown should be running. The Derby candidates can run. Many lesser lights of Calumet are as good as the average winner of the average race. They have the blood of the Calumet mares and stallions and the Jones gang handles them. And then, they say. Citation will run again in

1950. Many fans have been waiting for that.

If Citation runs again Calumet will smash another record. No horse has ever won a million dollars. Stymie, closest to it, has just been retired. Citation is such a horse that even old-time sports columnist Grantland Rice has argued with himself in print as to whether Citation is the greatest horse since Man o' War or the greatest horse ever. Citation lost two races out of 29 in his two years on the track, one of them to stablemate Bewitch, the other, off a bad start, to Saggy, a horse not in his class. Citation, running in form in 1950, would shoot past the million dollar mark. All last year he was out of competition with a "popped osselot." Now he's practicing again for the late winter campaign in the palmlands. He's just five years old.

Bewitch won't run in 1950. She's young, but she has been sent to the farm in Kentucky to eat blue-grass where the great stallions of Calumet roam. Bull Lea is there, and Whirlaway and Sun Again. Sun Again is another grandson of Teddy—sort of a cousin of Bull Lea. He won \$154,375 at the races for Calumet and went to stud in 1945. Among his first offspring to race was Palestinian, Isadore Bieber's stakes winner. Bewitch will be bred to Sun Again. The foal will be one year old New Year's Day 1952, if all goes well. When it goes from barn to pasture, pasture to barn, a man will go with it, protect it from accident, ward off "bad luck." Paul Ebelhardt, Calumet farm manager, will see that this is done. THE END

Their Eyes Are On Your Checks

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is used to pry them open. A single sharp blow with the back of the hand on an ordinary screwdriver, placed against the lock, will usually snap it off. One army deserter who turned check-thief collected mailbox keys until he could unlock many boxes without even having to break them open. He had 24 different keys in his pockets when he was arrested.

Once a check has been stolen the confirmed thief's first thought is for convincing identification. He has to go, of course, to some store or other place where he is not personally known otherwise, when the check comes back, the storekeeper would soon be able to find him. One simple solution is to take along two or three other pieces of mail, stolen from the same box, to show he is the person named on the check.

Or, as a starter, he may step into a 5-and-10 and buy a cheap wallet with a blank identification card. He writes the addressee's name on the card, and then rubs both it and the wallet in the dirt to make them look old. This in itself will not be all he needs, but it may help.

Next he may go to a Social Security office and apply for an account card in the payee's name. He gets it, with its number, for the asking. True, it says on it "not for identification"—but that's all the good that does. It still looks like a legal document. Moreover, almost any small hardware shop will quickly turn out, for 25 cents, a metal duplicate of the card, with the name and number nicely stamped

into it. This makes it look still more permanent and official.

For still more identification he can go to the Motor Vehicle Bureau, take out an application for a driver's license, fill in with the rightful check-owner's name the part that would come back if it were approved, put almost any sort of rubber stamp on it and make it look very official. Few storekeepers know or remember exactly what the official stamp on such a license should be. A "Learner's Permit" can be had in many states for the asking, with a two or three dollar fee, and is definitely official.

In the room of one check-thief 15 social security cards, with different names and addresses, were found, along with a number of blank ones to be filled in as needed. The thief would send his girl friend out to cash the checks, taking along a properly filled out social security card as identification.

If you've ever had trouble in cashing a perfectly good check yourself, as so many of us have, all these moves may seem useless; but they're not. One forger told postal inspectors, after his arrest, of cashing a stolen check in a bank right behind a stranger whose own perfectly good out-of-town check was not accepted.

"See?" the teller said to the stranger, who was still lingering uncomfortably near the window. "Here's the sort of identification you should have." And he unhesitatingly passed out good money to the crook.

Thieves know that storekeepers are quick to trust women who have children with them, and use them to cash checks for them whenever they can. Ordering four or five dollars worth of baby clothes, too, will often disarm a storekeeper to the point of cashing a fifty or sixty dollar check in payment. One check-thief used his knowledge of special brands of olive oil to throw Italian grocery storekeepers off guard; how could a man who knew so much about good olive oil be a crook?

In Chicago a former butcher's apprentice took up check stealing. He would go to a wholesale meat dealer, buy a lamb carcass or quarter of beef, pay for it with a forged check, fold up his extra change, put the meat in his car and drive to a retail store where he'd sell it for more than the wholesaler had taken out of the check. A still more aristocratic forger would step into the branch office of a big bank, write a perfectly worthless check of his own "for deposit in my own branch, over on the other side of town," and get a stamped deposit slip, say for \$300. No risk in that for the bank, taking a check "for deposit only." But then the thief would go into another branch of the same bank, refer to his account in the branch where he had just been, show the deposit slip, and have no difficulty at all in cashing a stolen government check for a hundred or so.

Storekeepers are softened up by their desire to make a sale. They rely blindly, also, on the value of government checks, as against the always-suspect paper of

private persons. In this, of course, they are utterly mistaken, because if the signature is forged they lose the money they pay out just as definitely as if they accepted a counterfeit bill. The fact that all Treasury checks have the motto: "Know your endorser; Require identification" printed on both the front and back, seems to mean nothing to some storekeepers.

One small-time thief cashed more than a dozen stolen checks in one Brooklyn department store, sometimes several in a single day. He would make the first visit in his shirt sleeves—which of course indicated that he lived nearby and so tended

after check, in the postal inspection files, on which either address or name of the endorser did not correspond with the payee's name printed on the face of the check. Edwin Plumber's check would be endorsed "Edwin Plumber," John Beanor's would become "John Beanor," Alvarez would be signed "Alvaroy," 204 West Clark Street would be "142 West Clark Street." The inspectors tell me that nearly 20 percent of stolen checks are improperly endorsed—yet they are cashed. It would help a lot they say, if store cashiers would get in the habit of asking anyone wanting to cash a check to first

In any event, the signing of the affidavit puts in motion the machinery of stopping payment on the old check, and starting out a new one to take its place. Consequently, if the inquiry starts too soon, it may merely shut off payment on the right check, which may not yet have been delivered in due course, and result only in added delay and trouble. Here we see why a one-shot check issue, like the big one of insurance checks that is now going out, is so different from a regular weekly or monthly issue. In the latter you only have to wait a few days before inquiry about what has gone wrong with a missing check—but with a one-shot issue of big proportions you have to wait a much longer time, often until some public announcement has been made that all the checks in a particular area have been distributed.

With the present issue there is at least a partial timetable. Applications for the insurance dividends became available last August 29. Seven million applications came in within a week—much faster than they could be processed. So the mail bags in which they were delivered were stored in order. By October 1st about 12,000,000 had come in. After that about 200,000 a week came in, then less and less. They were all numbered, eventually, in about the order in which they arrived. Carl R. Gray, Jr., Veterans Administrator, announced that the checks will be issued on the basis of the last three digits of the Service Serial Number. The full serial number under this somewhat involved formula is of no significance in determining the order—thus, a veteran whose serial number is 35,469,000 will be in the first bunch to get his piece of the dividend pie because the last three digits are zero. Conversely, a chap who happened to bear the serial number 100,990 will bring up the tail of the procession, because the last three digits are in the highest bracket.

The only variance from this formula will be on those applications which are incomplete, or on which some question has arisen that requires additional information. These will be handled separately, and presumably will not be in the early groupings.

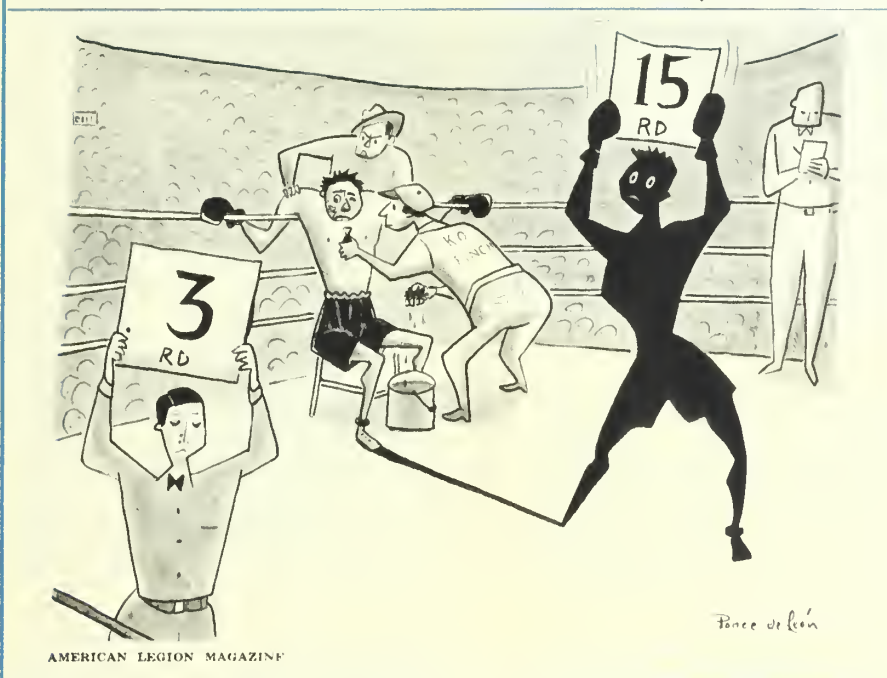
Applications, which came in a flood after the blanks were made available on the last days of August, are broken down into the ten groups for processing, with the first group, zero to 10, given first preference. But this does not mean that the other nine groups will be neglected until the entire first group is disposed of. There is a voucher-writing machine for each of the 10 groups which will make it possible to work through all of them at about the same time. VA still says that mailing the dividend checks will start some time in January and that the present set-up is sufficient to handle 200,000 checks each day, or 1,000,000 each 5-day week.

Service men and women who had more than one serial number (and some were in and out of the service, acquiring two or more) may rest easy. There will be no confusion and no double payment. VA will use the number in each case that appears on the NSLI certificate.

Finally, here are instructions that any vet can pin on his wall:

IMP-ULSES

By Ponce de Leon



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to avert suspicion—and put his coat and hat on for a second trip. For a third, he might turn up his coat collar and take off his necktie. Yet none of the clerks who had okayed the checks was able to recognize him. The custom of *initialing* a check by any clerk who okays it is of immense value to investigators; it makes the clerks want to help them find the crook instead of disclaiming any knowledge of him in order to escape a loss.

At almost any busy bar and grill in the poorer districts of any large city, a thief can cash a forged check and come back the next week with another.

"Why, you cashed a check for me a week ago!" makes it all the easier to cash the second. Not a chance in a hundred that the bartender will remember from whom he got the check that bounced.

The trustfulness of eager storekeepers in cashing stolen checks seems absolutely boundless. Numerous checks stamped "Do not cash before January 1, 1950" were stolen in 1949 and cashed at once, without difficulty. The storekeepers figured they were doing a big favor. They were—but to a crook.

You'd naturally expect a person to know his own address—or at least be able to spell his own name, but altogether too many store owners don't seem to think this is essential. I saw photostats of check

write his name and address—with the cashier holding the check, so that it has to be done from memory—on a separate slip of paper "for reference." Few thieves dare trust themselves to do this accurately, and promptly give themselves away by wanting to call the whole deal off, or even bolting for the door.

If a regular weekly check is stolen or for any other reason fails to show up on time, the post office is usually asked about it within a couple of days. Or the payee may write directly to the office from which his check is sent out. At once an investigation is made to see whether or not the check has been cashed and returned. If it has, photostats of it are made for the proper accounting office, for the postal inspectors, and for the Secret Service. With one of the photostats an agent at once calls on the payee. He is asked to sign an affidavit, if the signature on the check is forged, and is questioned closely about it.

Sometimes the case is ended right there. The payee may possibly have given the check to a friend or relative to sign and cash, in the hopes of getting another one. It has been done. In this case the attempted swindle is easily and quickly detected. To sign an affidavit falsely, claiming a feigned loss, is as severely punished as stealing the check itself.



By R. WILSON BROWN

January's Best Films



DeMILLE found another great script in the best book of all — the Bible

SAMSON AND DELILAH

(A Cecil B. DeMille production for Paramount.)

Cecil B. DeMille, who loves to unite sex and religion on the screen, has found the perfect medium in *Samson and Delilah*. He found the story in the Bible — in Judges, Chapters 13-16 — a story of hate, passion, frailty, treachery, murder, violence and love. Hedy Lamarr's trim figure and pretty face, showed off to advantage in low necks, midriffs and split skirts, provides the sex. Action is furnished by Victor Mature as the strong Samson. George Sanders as the Philistine leader completes the cast's big three.

Key scenes lend themselves to big-ness and action: Samson slaying "a thousand Philistines" with the jaw-bone of an ass; Samson collapsing the Temple pillars to bury his tormentors in ruins; Samson killing the lion with his bare hands; and the fearful wedding feast brawl. The lion scene alone is worth the price of admission. Its filming is a tribute to Photographer George Barnes.

Those who recall Mature as the smart-alec playboy of past films are due for a surprise. For the first time in his life he acts, and he does it in a way which will win audiences.

Running time: 2 hours, 10 minutes
Suitable for the entire family.

WESTERN

Ambush (M-G-M) with Robert Taylor, John Hodiak and Arlene Dahl. A big-scale western with lots of action based upon Luke Short's Saturday Evening Post serial. Taylor and Hodiak are convincing and make this the best of this type film in years. No hokum.

Sons of New Mexico (Columbia) with Gene Autry, Gail Davis and Robert Armstrong. OK if you happen to like Autry in his brand of westerns.

COMEDY

Champagne for Caesar (Popkin-United Artists) with Ronald Colman and Celeste Holm. Excellent acting by two of Hollywood's best in a satire on radio's giveaway shows.

Traveling Saleswoman (Columbia) with Joan Davis and Andy Devine. This time a woman is the top comic. Result: a fresh type of comedy which the screen needs. It entertains all the way.

DRAMA

Thelma Jordan (Hal Wallis-Paramount) with Barbara Stanwyck, Wendell Corey and Paul Kelly. Miss Stanwyck is the villain in a gruesome tale more likely to depress than entertain. Keep the children at home.

MYSTERY AND ADVENTURE

Bagdad (U-I) with Maureen O'Hara, Paul Christian and Vincent Price. No relationship with Doug Fairbanks' *The Thief of Bagdad* except locale and that it deals with desert love, fighting and intrigue. Acting above average. Excellent color photography. Story a little hard to follow.

Dead on Arrival (Popkin-United Artist) with Edmond O'Brien and Pamela Britton. A melodrama with an unusual twist — the murder victim tracks down his own slayers. Fair.

Rock Island Trail (Republic) with Forest Tucker, Adele Mara and Bruce Cabot. A fair railroad story.

1. If you expect a check, make sure that your post box is in good condition, and firmly fastened in place.

2. See that your box is properly marked. It should have your name on it. A lot of people, particularly in cliff-dweller apartments in big cities, do not have their own boxes; it is important that their names also appear on the box where their checks are to be delivered.

3. You can ask the carrier to ring the bell, or in the country to blow his automobile horn when he delivers your government check.

4. Don't leave your mail in your box a minute longer than necessary. Brown envelopes left in any box have proved to be big temptations. If your mail is delivered at 9, don't wait until 11 to pick it up.



"We never depended upon these scientific aids when I was a girl. A can opener was good enough for us."

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5. After you get your check, treat it as carefully as you would handle currency. A surprising number of checks are destroyed or defaced: one was eaten by a cow, a squirrel carried another into its nest, dozens are spoiled by jam, and so on. As long as you have the check, uncashed, it may tempt someone into trying to take it.

6. Do not endorse it until you are in the presence of the man or woman who is going to cash it for you, or in the bank where you are going to deposit it.

7. If your check is lost or stolen, write to the Veterans Administration about it, giving your army serial number and the number of your insurance policy. But do not write in until you are sure that all the checks in your area have been distributed. If you have information that your check was stolen from the mail or from your letterbox, also make a prompt complaint to your post office.

8. If your check becomes torn or mutilated, or if the amount has been obliterated, so that you cannot cash it, return it to the Division of Disbursement, United States Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., and ask for a substitute. THE END

What Do You Want To Know

(Continued from page 25)

the Government Printing Office, and make a practice of sending out helpful books to their people.

If you are interested in starting a new business or studying an old one, if you have a hankering for landscaping your land, growing herbs, knowing what trees grow where, building a cabin, insulating your home, clinking a fireplace together, cleaning and repairing your sewing machine, baking a cake, taking care of the baby at mealtime, making a dress, brick-laying, killing rats, studying the weather, knowing what DDT can do, a dime and a nickel and a letter to the Superintendent of Documents will bring you this information and more. New titles are continually being added to the list of 70,000 now available. No problem is too great, none too small.

The other day Superintendent Eastin picked two letters at random from a thick pile on his desk. "Understand you know all about green grass," one read. "The stuff don't grow on my place. What can you do about it?" Mr. Eastin sent out the book *Grasses*, and also recommended the advice of the county agent. The other letter said that the writer had two goats, wanted to order a book on raising them for milk and how best to sell the milk, but his order blanks had been eaten by the goats. Mr. Eastin sent him *How To Raise Milk Goats*, and a letter cautioning him against feeding his animals paper.

Mr. Eastin is really one of the country's greatest booksellers. But titles and ideas for books are not his. For example, the Department of Commerce realizing that men being discharged from the Armed Forces would need assistance and guidance in beginning their own business, started the series, *Establishing and Operating A Business*. They used many of their own employes in preparing the books, but when outside help from writers and authors was needed, they immediately got it. But they even went a step further. They set up Commerce field offices all over the country, with experts in attendance to assist anyone asking their help. The six basic services they offer are (1) Management Aids, (2) Business Trends, (3) Commodity Trends, (4) Technical Aids, (5) Basic Statistics, (6) World Trade Help. This all means if you're a businessman and want to keep up on all the various facets of business, just write in to the Government Printing Office for *Facts For Business*, and you'll get the booklet listing field offices throughout the country. There, for free, you can consult with specialists who can help you interpret and adapt government statistics for local use, describe how kindred businesses meet problems similar to yours; suggest sources of information outside the Commerce Department.

Available also at the Government Printing Office are various so-called management aids: *Opportunities in Selling*, *Selecting A Store Location*, *Small Business and Regulation of Pricing Practices*, and many more, at prices that do not exceed 25 cents.


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Here's the brief history of one book written and researched by the Department of Commerce, printed by the Government Printing Office, and sold and distributed by the Superintendent of Documents. Titled, *Developing and Selling New Products*, selling for 25 cents, the book sold 20,000 copies the first month, was written by G. E. Larson of the Marketing Division of the Department of Commerce, with the help and advice of his associates and leading businessmen throughout the country.

Trade associations publicized the book; notices in the trade press praised it, and an organization, National Sales Executives, mailed out 12,000 circulars on the book because they thought so highly of it. Busy and usually taciturn executives took the time to send in plaudits:

The president of an Ohio bank said, "The book *Developing and Selling New Products* is very well done and is constructive work. We are delighted to have this in our library for use with our business customers."

The sales manager of a brush firm remarked, "We started our brush firm after my brother and I got out of the Army. We are now in the brush field, and have found the book very useful."

The president of a research laboratory said, "Our whole industry thanks you for thinking of it."

Hundreds of firms are using the book as a guide in setting up a new-products department, and many city and state planning groups use it to stimulate industrial development. This is only one little inexpensive book that appeals not only to the individual, but the group and is obviously useful to great numbers of Americans.

The consistent best sellers over the years have been *Infant Care*, which has sold 4,000,000 copies and *Prenatal Care*, a little number that has hit over 2,000,000 in sales and is still going strong.

Each of these books sells for 15 cents. They were prepared by the Children's

Bureau of the Federal Security Agency.

As the leading best seller of the Government Printing Office, *Infant Care* has been on and off their shelves for thirty-three years, has been revised by the Children's Bureau eight times, and has had 117 printings.

The basic act of the Children's Bureau reads, "The said Bureau shall investigate and report . . . upon all matters pertaining to the welfare of children and child life among all our classes of people . . ."

And this tied in with the idea for *Infant Care* that Miss Julia C. Lathrop, first chief of the Bureau, had. She plainly stated her objective with, "There is no attempt to invade the field of the medical or nursing professions, but rather to furnish such statements regarding hygiene and normal living as every mother has the right to possess in the interest of herself and children."

Believing that a book for mothers should be written by a mother, Miss Lathrop searched for a competent writer who knew something about children. She found her in Mrs. Max West, mother of five children, a graduate of the University of Minnesota, and a successful professional writer. Mrs. West consulted Dr. L. Emmett Holt* of New York City, and Dr. J. P. Sedgwick of the University of Minnesota Medical School, during preparation of the manuscript. In page proof it was read by six prominent pediatricians.

In subsequent revisions on *Infant Care*, Miss Lathrop asked the American Pediatric Society, The Pediatric Section of the American Medical Association, and The American Child Health Association, to name representatives to serve on the Advisory Medical Committee. Facts in the book were checked by these august groups. Later a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics was added to the committee.

In the early days, *Infant Care* was a

*Very co-operative of Dr. Holt, whose *Care and Feeding of Children*, written in 1894 and many times revised, has itself sold into the millions of copies.



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means for parents to combat ignorance and superstition — the one intelligent weapon in the "paregoric era." It was a plea for sunshine, pure water, milk certified to be clean "even if it costs 16 cents a quart." The book brought knowledge to thousands of American mothers in isolated areas. It was used as popular instruction to help reduce the infant mortality rate, higher in the United States than in any country that kept records.

There have been seven major revisions on *Infant Care* since it was first written by Mrs. West and published in 1914, and frequent minor changes to keep the material as closely as possible in line with current pediatric practice. For example, it wasn't until the 1929 edition that the boiling of milk was stressed, that edition also made a careful explanation of vitamins and their sources.

In addition to the 4,000,000 copies sold outright by the Superintendent of Documents, Congressmen, realizing the worth of the book, have distributed 8,054,796 to their constituents.

Today *Infant Care* has been accepted as a standard text by doctors, hospitals, nurses, and medical-social workers as well as parents. Translations have been made and published in Italian, Chinese, Persian, Hindustani and Egyptian. The State Department brought out a Spanish edition in 1944 for distribution through its embassies in Latin American countries. Translations in French and Portuguese are now underway.

In essence *Infant Care* and the story of its sale and preparation is the story of all the 70,000 books printed by the Government Printing Office and efficiently sold by the Superintendent of Documents.

There is no need for any American to thirst for knowledge, no matter how unusual or strange the quest may be.

If you have a sick rabbit, a camera that needs fixing, a leaky faucet, want to know what cuts of meat are the cheapest and the best to serve — anything at all that puzzles you, the answer is as near as your post office.

Communists may interest you. For 30 cents you can buy *Five Hundred Leading Communists*, an up-to-date list of outstanding communists in the Eastern Hemisphere, arranged alphabetically with a brief biographical sketch of each person. Or if you'd like something handsome and lasting for your library, *Medal of Honor* a buckram-bound book giving the history of the medal of honor since it was first authorized on July 12, 1862, with winners and their stories, and including photographs of winners of the medal in this last war; \$4.50 sent to the Superintendent of Documents will bring it to you.

Because of the obvious need in the United States the informational function of the Superintendent of Documents has grown and expanded rapidly. Yearly some 450,023 letters come from the public; the majority of the questions being forwarded by libraries. A reference card catalog compiled to supply in easily available form the information needed is his source for quick mastery of all the strange and diverse questions that arrive daily. Mr. Eastin, recognizing that libraries are ex-

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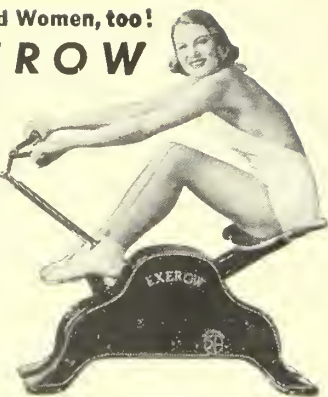
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How To Keep Your Financial Balance

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answers Betty. "Well," beams the salesman, "for only three dollars a month more, you can enjoy the use of this very handsome table."

That three dollars a month more doesn't sound like much. But if Betty gets hooked with a couple more add-ons like the coffee table, she and Sam are going to find that their financial balance has gone to hell in a handbasket.

A situation like this points up the danger in instalment buying.

Credit Buying, or Buying on Time, has been a great thing for this country. By enabling people to pay for things they need, a little at a time, out of their income, Credit Buying has had much to do with bringing our standard of living up to its present high level.

That Instalment Credit is no small operation is shown by the fact that a couple of months ago, it was totaled just under ten billion dollars. The total estimated national income is approximately two hundred and twenty-four billion, so about one dollar in every twenty-three is spent via the instalment route.

But look at the black side for a moment. Credit-wise, it's very easy to get in over your head. You need so many things. You have to have a new car—the old one's costing so much in repairs; your family's eating so much these days you need a new and larger refrigerator; you also want a television set, an automatic washing machine, and so on.

These things don't seem to cost much, by themselves, on a time basis. But it's like the Add-On Sale. You sign up for more than you realize. First thing you know, you're having to scrimp on important things, like food and clothing, to pay for the luxuries.

A device that's been beckoning many people over onto the wrong side of the financial balance sheet recently is the quarter-a-day meter.

John found out about that one. He and his wife needed a new refrigerator. John knew they needed it, but felt that they couldn't afford it until they had paid off on the car and a couple of other things. One Thursday evening, wifey inveigled John into an appliance store, "just to look." That's all, brother.

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The companion of his joys and sorrows was just showing John one of the new Blank refrigerators, and he was saying that it was swell, but they still couldn't afford it, when Temptation reared its ugly head. Temptation took the form of a smooth-talking, high-pressure salesman with a quarter-a-day meter in his hand. He explained that they could have one of these fine new super-de-luxe Blank refrigerators for just twenty-five cents a day. The refrigerator would be delivered with the meter attached, and all they had to do would be to drop a daily two bits into the slot in the meter. Simple. The refrigerator would run as long as the meter was fed, and a man would come around and empty the meter every month until the appliance was paid for.

So John fell. After all, a quarter a day doesn't sound like much.

Umm-hmm. A quarter a day is over seven dollars a month—seven dollars they very definitely did not have to spare.

But the thing that the salesman didn't tell them, and the thing that really burned John to a crisp when he found out about it, was the fact that along with the refrigerator, they were also buying the meter. Twenty bucks it cost them, about twice what it was actually worth.

They didn't have to have a refrigerator. The meter was absolutely useless after it had served its purpose. But they were hooked on both because a quarter a day sounds like so little.

Of course, a lot of people fall on their financial faces in the automobile field. People often buy cars with a positively dizzying disregard for their own finances.

To begin with, many buyers seem to feel that they have to finance their cars through the dealer they bought it from—or from a finance company he suggests. This is not the case. The Better Business Bureau of New York City points out that you can manage your time payments through your own bank, or a Savings and Loan Association, or through a Finance Company of your own choice. In fact, it's a good idea to shop around and see where you can get the best terms—there may be quite a variation. Your dealer, if he is on the level, won't care how you arrange your payments, just so long as it

is with a reputable company that will pay him for the car.

If your dealer insists that you let him set up the financing for you, watch out: could be that he's cutting himself in for a little extra share of your money. For instance, there is the matter of the Finance Charge, or Carrying Charge. These are just courtesy charges to the dealer or finance company, and there is no legal limit on them. Guess what a field day an unscrupulous dealer or financing outfit can have with that little item. Especially if they're dealing with a customer who's foolish when it comes to balancing his finances. Contrary to common belief, the Finance or Carrying Charge has nothing to do with the interest you pay on the money the Finance Company has loaned you to buy the car. (You see, the dealer gets cash for your car. The finance company puts it up, in effect lending it to you with your car as security. You pay interest on this money, just as you do on any other loan.) The amount of this interest is fixed by law. But the Finance or Carrying Charge is not.

For the sake of your financial balance, look out too for the dealer who wants you to sign any forms which are not completely filled in. He may drop an airy explanation that he cannot get certain figures at the moment, but as you want the car at once, just sign here and drive it away.

But wait a minute. Don't sign anything that's not completely filled in, because after you've signed your name, he can fill those blanks in any way he likes—and that can cost you plenty.

Incidentally, in setting up any sort of finance deal, look out for the operator who asks, "How much do you think you can afford to pay a month? Seventy-five dollars? Look, why make it tough for yourself? Why not pay fifty a month? That'll make it easier, won't it?" Probably you'll be so surprised at having anyone offer to accept less than you offered, you won't stop to figure out that the smaller the

amount the longer it will take to pay off, and so the longer you will be paying interest. As an example, disregarding extras of any sort, suppose you decide to buy a car priced at \$750. The interest rate is around 5% per year, or \$37.50. If you pay off the \$750 principal at \$75 a month, it will take ten months, so you only have to pay interest for ten-twelfths of a year. Comes out to \$31.25. So you pay a total of \$781.25.

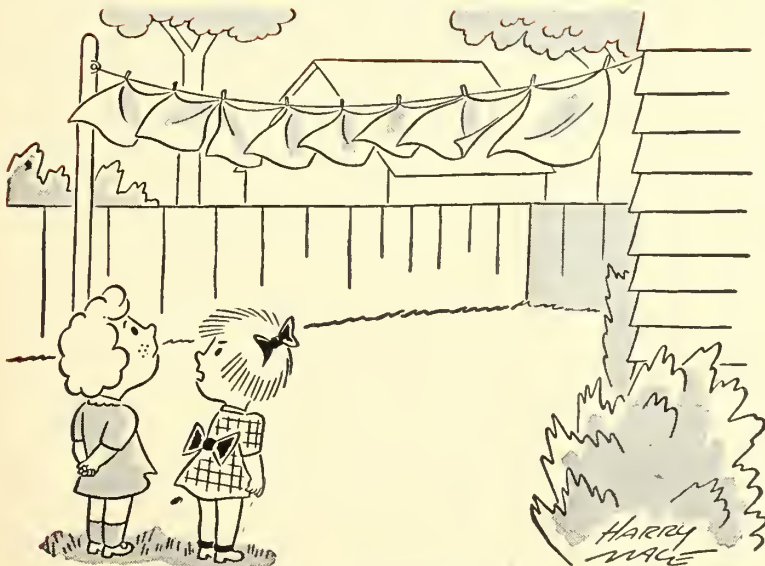
But suppose you listen to your dealer, and pay off at fifty a month. It takes fifteen months to pay. So you pay the principal, plus interest for fifteen months, which comes out to \$46.88. So you pay \$796.88.

This means that you've paid \$15.63 extra, for the privilege of not paying your debt as quickly as you thought you could. It isn't much, but most people can use that much money for other things.

Naturally, not all credit firms are out after your blood. In fact there are many highly reputable companies that actually insist on helping you keep your financial equilibrium. They know that they cannot afford to have many accounts go bad on them. Further, they have found that they can make more out of an individual by keeping him as a satisfied customer over a period of years than by trying to give him the business once. As Bobby Clark, the comedian, once remarked, "A burning child spreads the fire." Put another way, the screams of an anguished customer can do untold harm to any firm.

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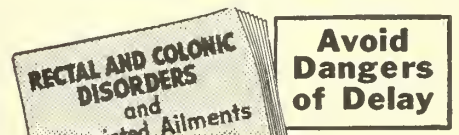
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\$150 	2	\$15	\$60	\$15	\$30	\$12	\$18
	3	10	65	16	30	12	17
	4	5	70	17	30	13	15
175 	2	22	63	16	35	14	25
	3	16	70	17	35	15	22
	4	10	76	18	35	16	20
200 	2	30	65	18	40	17	30
	3	22	75	19	40	17	27
	4	15	80	20	40	20	25
225 	2	34	68	20	45	18	40
	3	28	80	22	45	18	32
	4	20	86	24	45	20	30
250 	2	40	70	22	50	23	45
	3	35	85	22	50	24	34
	4	25	90	25	50	25	35
275 	2	46	75	26	52	24	52
	3	40	90	28	52	25	40
	4	32	95	32	52	26	38
300 	2	55	75	30	55	25	60
	3	47	95	32	55	26	45
	4	40	100	35	55	30	40
325 	2	62	78	30	60	30	65
	3	52	96	35	60	32	50
	4	45	103	40	60	32	45
350 	2	68	80	32	65	35	70
	3	60	97	37	65	35	56
	4	50	105	45	65	35	50
375 	2	80	85	35	67	36	72
	3	75	98	38	67	37	60
	4	60	110	46	67	37	55
400 	2	90	88	40	70	37	75
	3	86	100	42	70	38	64
	4	70	112	50	70	38	60
450 	2	120	90	45	75	40	80
	3	105	105	50	75	40	75
	4	90	120	55	75	40	70
500 	2	145	95	50	80	45	85
	3	120	120	55	80	45	80
	4	110	125	65	80	45	75
600 	2	190	100	60	100	55	95
	3	150	130	65	100	60	95
	4	130	140	80	100	60	90
700 	2	240	110	65	110	65	110
	3	185	130	85	120	70	110
	4	157	140	95	120	70	118
800 	2	280	120	80	125	70	125
	3	240	140	90	125	75	130
	4	210	150	100	125	75	140
900 	2	310	130	90	140	80	150
	3	270	150	100	140	85	155
	4	225	165	115	145	85	165
1000 	2	350	135	100	160	85	170
	3	300	160	115	160	90	175
	4	250	190	125	160	90	185

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includes not being allowed to buy his way into financial difficulties.

The Bond principle, according to Louis Good, head of the Credit Department, is to investigate the new customer first, to make sure he's financially sound and personally reliable. Next the new customer and the local credit manager get together and decide how much he can comfortably afford to pay for clothing each month. Then, since their credit plan extends over a period of six months, he is told he can order up to six times the amount of his agreed-on monthly payment. If he can

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Mr. Good says that their system has worked out so well that their credit losses work out at less than one percent—an extremely small figure.

Naturally, there are many other firms, in many lines of business that take an equally responsible attitude toward their clients. The man who deals with big, well established outfits with a national reputation to protect, is far less likely to get caught in the wringer than the man who deals with some strange outfit that wasn't there yesterday and won't be there tomorrow, but who offers the most amazing bargains.

Of course, the man who's particularly likely to get himself into a truly magnificent state of financial unbalance is the man who's buying or building a house. To begin with, most of us have no experience. We buy or build only once. And ignorance or credulity on the part of the inexperienced is duck soup with noodles to the slick operator.

To get the lowdown on the buying and building business, I called on George L. Bliss, president of the Century Federal

Savings and Loan Association in New York.

One of the first things he pointed out was that you're not going to get a mortgage on your property unless the company putting up the money can see its way clear to getting the money back again in case it has to foreclose. The fact that you love your home dearly, and your family is very happy in it doesn't mean to say that the mortgage company will see things the same way.

Let's take a rather extreme example, to prove our point. Suppose you have spent \$25,000 building a house that is exactly suited to you and your family. It's beautifully decorated; wood-burning fireplace in the living-room, bathroom with every bedroom, except the master bedroom, which has two bathrooms. You run into financial trouble and need to raise five thousand dollars. You go to one building and loan association after another, and not one of them will give you a dime. Why? Because you and your family are all midgets, none of you more than four feet high. So you made the ceilings of the rooms only five feet high. No mortgage outfit will consider a house like that, simply because their chances of finding another flock of midgets to live in it are about nil.

So, if you're going to buy a house, and will need a mortgage to raise enough cash, don't put down any money with the seller unless you've already talked to a mortgage outfit and have written assurance that they will give you the mortgage on that house.

Mr. Bliss gave me an example of what can happen to you if you're not careful. A little while ago a man came to him—a Mr. Smith, let's say—and said that he had put up \$1500 cash on a \$15,000 house on Long Island. Would the Century be interested in a mortgage on the property? The company sent an inspector over to give the place the expert eye, and he came back with an unfavorable report.

He did not advise a mortgage on Mr. Smith's house, and gave several reasons why the house was not a sound investment, either for Smith or the Century people.

Somebody asked the would-be home owner if he could get his deposit of \$1500 back again, or had he forfeited it? "Sure I can get it back," answered Smith happily. "I've got a clause in the agreement saying that if a mortgage can't be raised, my money must be returned." Only trouble was, there was nothing in the agreement about how big the mortgage was to be, or who was to arrange it. The speculator dug up a firm that offered a very small mortgage. Mr. Smith didn't like the company, or the amount they offered. But that made no difference, the agreement said "a mortgage." Mr. Smith either had to accept the offered mortgage, or forfeit his \$1500. What did he do? No. You're wrong. He forfeited the money. He figured that it was worth that much to get out of what was obviously a very poor deal.

Mr. Bliss says that the smart thing for the G.I. house-buyer, or any other purchaser for that matter, to do in paying a deposit on a house is to get a clause in the

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receipt that says that if he cannot raise a mortgage of a definite amount *with a lender of his own choosing*, his deposit shall be refunded in full. That "own choosing" is important. There has been more than one case of a person or an organization selling a house being in cahoots with an unscrupulous loan association.

Now a word to the people who are thinking about building their own house. I was told that fully one-third of the people who apply to building and loan associations for a mortgage do so only *after* the basement is in, and very often the first floor framing is up too. Naturally, before anybody will advance money on an incomplete house, he must assure himself that in a pinch he could get his money out again. So the first thing they ask for is the plans. That's where the trouble begins. So many things can be wrong from the mortgage company's point of view. Maybe the house is completely unsuited to the district; or maybe it's full of weird design—like the low-ceilinged house I mentioned. So many things can make it completely unsuitable from the mortgage issuer's point of view, and if the foundation is in and the other construction fairly well along, it's too late to rectify matters.

So you people who are going to build, unless you are two hundred percent sure that you can swing the deal without help, for heaven's sake go see about the mortgage while your house is still nothing but plans. Then if anything is wrong it can easily be fixed up.

Don't forget that if you do some bad figuring with the place that you're going to live in, you can get yourself in very deep indeed. Your house is probably the biggest expenditure you'll ever make, and you can go broke disgustingly quickly, and be out in the cold as well, if you try any fancy plays.

If you lose your car, well, there you are. You can still keep warm. But if you lose your house, where are you?

In the course of several interviews I had with experts on money, and how to get the most out of it, I found general agreement on one thing: Americans don't save enough. Most budget plans call for saving 10% and up, out of salary, after taxes are deducted. However, the national average saving comes out to be almost exactly four percent.

As one authority puts it, "Spend what you've got left after saving. Don't save what you've got left after spending."

The cost of living has gone up so the last few years, and the proportionate cost of such items as food and shelter have changed so greatly that most printed budget plans are badly out of date.

So, to help you figure the best way to keep your financial balance, here is a table, prepared by the American Bankers' Association, which gives you a pretty good idea of where your dollars should go. If you follow some such plan as this, you'll be able to face the end of the month with a lot more confidence than if you had just spent your way along haphazardly.

After all, you plan your day's work, you plan your vacation, you plan your amusements, so why not plan your spending too?

THE END

have no travel orders, sir," Helen Bayliss said. "I have a two-day pass, so I thought I'd hitch a ride to Longuyon to see my fiancé."

"There's a railway outfit at Longuyon. Your fiancé in Transportation?"

"No, sir. He's in G-2. He's an intelligence officer. Lieutenant Cramer."

"Carl Cramer?"

"Yes, sir. We're really married, although I guess it isn't quite legal, since he couldn't get his commanding officer's permission before he was transferred from Paris. That's why I'm so anxious to see him tonight. We were married just two weeks ago, and heaven knows when I'll see him again—if ever. He's going to be dropped behind the German lines any day now. Maybe tomorrow."

Captain Steel bristled. His voice was sharp with challenge as he demanded: "Did Cramer tell you he was going to be dropped?"

"Oh, no, sir. Carl wouldn't violate security like that. He just told me he was going on a dangerous mission. But I can guess."

Captain Steel scratched his chin. "I never saw G.I. shoes with heels like those you're wearing," he said. "Open your coat, please."

The girl's fingers trembled as she unfastened the belt buckle. A blue dress flashed beneath the drab utility coat.

"Why are you out of uniform?" the captain asked.

"Carl's never seen me in real girls' clothes," Helen Bayliss said. "He's never seen me in anything except those dreary brown WAC uniforms. So I borrowed a dress from his cousin in Paris. We're about the same size. I wanted to look pretty for Carl tonight. It may be our last . . ."

"Your identification, please," said Captain Steel.

The girl put her bag on the table and opened it. As she was fumbling in its contents, an envelope fell out. Captain Steel picked it up and turned it over, looking for the seals which were not there.

"This hasn't been cleared by Censorship or Security."

"I know. It's just a note to Carl from his cousin Juliette. She's French, and—"

"What's Juliette's name and address?"

"Juliette Cramer, 18 rue Tholozé, Paris."

Captain Steel made a notation on the back of the envelope. "I'll see that this gets to the proper hands," he said.

"I'll take it to Carl myself."

"You're going back to Paris tonight," said the captain. "You—"

"Please don't tell me there's a war on," the girl said. "I've already heard—and I'm willing to take the consequences. I've still got forty hours to go on my two-day pass. I'll be back this way in thirty-six hours to take my medicine. You can throw the Articles of War at me then, one by one. Impersonating a civilian, and all that. But I'm going to Longuyon tonight."

Captain Steel nodded to an M.P. across the room and said: "Sergeant, I want you to get a command car from the motor pool and take T/3 Bayliss to Paris. Until you get there, she's under arrest for un-

authorized travel and violation of censorship. As soon as you get to the WAC billets in rue Caumartin, drop all charges and release her. Then come back here. That's all."

"Please, Captain." There was a sob in the girl's voice. "I'm not going to louse up your war, and I'm not going to get you in a jam. I'll be back to face charges tomorrow. But please let me go to Longuyon tonight. You don't know how much it means to Carl. Or to me. Please." Her face was like chalk.

There was a long silence. Captain Steel could feel the eyes of every man in the room focused upon him—and they were not friendly eyes. The girl had a silent rooting section with her.

"Take T/3 Bayliss to the motor pool now, sergeant," Captain Steel said. His mouth set in a thin line.

A convulsive sob broke from the girl as the sergeant took her arm. She tried to talk as he pushed her gently through the door, but the words were undistinguishable. Her voice was like a wail as it died in the night. There was no sound but the sodden drumming of the rain. The captain tossed the envelope across the table.

"Corporal Dunn," he said, "take this to Major Bently at C.I.C."

The corporal approached the table and saluted, but he did not move to touch the envelope.

"Captain, sir," he said. "If you'll pardon the expression, I think you're acting like a skunk. And if you won't pardon it, you can put it on my service record. It's guys like you that make people wonder about our war aims. Don't you believe in people at all, Captain? Don't you believe that gal was telling the truth?"

"Of course she was telling the truth, Corporal. I've never seen a more honest, sincere young girl. That's why I sent her to Paris."

"You think we'd lose the war if you kind of winked and let her go on up to see her boy friend at Longuyon? It'd be no skin off your ankles, and you might be doing a little something to improve morale at Christmas time. She's nuts about that gal, Cramer, Captain."

"I know she is," Captain Steel said. "That's why I had to send her back to Paris tonight—for the honor of our sex. She's too young and innocent to go through life thinking all men are rats. Oh, not me, Corporal. She won't think of me as a man—just as a cold-blooded M.P. But this bird Cramer . . ."

"I think you ought to know, Corporal, that Cramer is not at Longuyon. We picked him up last night when he flunked the Mary's little lamb routine down the road a ways. He was never an officer in this army; he was a little souvenir the Germans left behind when they pulled out of Paris last August. He was going to Germany on a mission all right—with the complete battle plans of our Middle Rhine operation. We shot Cramer this morning, Corporal. Now take the letter to the Major so he can have this Juliette Cramer picked up in Paris."

THE END

The Story of Burnet, Texas

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saler who had moved to Burnet from New Jersey in 1940 and had become almost a native Texan.

"I'm all for this idea!" he shouted. "I have a son and when he grows up I want him to live and work in Burnet. Let's open the door and let the future in!"

Husted, not a man to take a siesta with both eyes shut in spite of his adopted Texas ease, is one of the best-liked and most-trusted men in Burnet. Almost before he could draw a second breath he was drafted on the spot as chairman of the Burnet Community Development Plan.

"If we mean business," said someone, "we'll need money."

"Pass the hat," said someone else.

A kitty for the Plan was collected on the spot. Maximum contribution was set at \$300, and \$11,282 were raised or pledged.

The next day Husted began organizing citizens' committees to look into all ways of bettering Burnet.

The starting point of the Burnet Plan, Dr. Brownlee had said, would be the questionnaires which The American Legion would supply. But Dr. Brownlee and the city of Burnet had moved so fast that the Legion's Economic Commission in Washington was taken by surprise. Legionnaire Jay Hormel of Austin, Minnesota (one of Dr. Brownlee's fellow committeemen) had had the lengthy questionnaires drafted, but in Washington a proper supply was not at hand, nor was the budget on hand to revise them for Burnet or to print them immediately out of National Legion funds. The Legion's Economic Commission was embarrassed by the speed of its own success.

Finally Chester Husted, who ever since the town-square rally had taken considerable time away from his own business, flew to Washington, followed by other Burnet committeemen in trains. Husted saw Ralph Lavers, learned the situation, and put it up to Lavers that Burnet was way ahead of the Legion and

raring to go wherever it was going. Lavers, in the emergency, called on Jay Hormel, who reached in his pocket and put up the amount needed.

Then, before they left Washington, Husted and his friends called on Texas Congressman Lyndon Johnson and clinched a government soil conservation program. Burnet County soil had been eroded, leached, brush-ridden and impoverished for ninety years without proper care. Arrangements were made to pay for much of the expense of the soil program out of the proceeds of the hydro-electric power generated by Burnet's new dams.

Back in Burnet, with the questionnaires in hand, September 22, 1947 was set as kick-off day. Volunteers chipped in with shovels, brooms and manpower to clean the streets for a parade. Many of its floats advertised the county's merits and its history. Other floats demanded changes whose need was widely felt. That night 4,500 people from all over Burnet County (about twice as many as the population of the town) held a giant rally on the school athletic field. A man driving through could never have connected such a display of enthusiasm with prosaic sewers, libraries, paving, sanitation or soil conservation. He could only have decided that the Burnet High School Bulldogs had just whipped Notre Dame.

The next day Husted's citizens' committees settled down to serious work, while the ladies of Burnet's Pen Chat Club began canvassing the county with the questionnaires to make sure every adult spoke his mind and feelings about what Burnet could and should do.

And in the next ten months, while enthusiasm ran highest and while the kitty lasted, Burnet did what many towns have taken ten or more years to do.

Support for a sewer system, in spite of the cost of blasting through the marble base, was found for the first time. At a public election a sewer-and-water bond

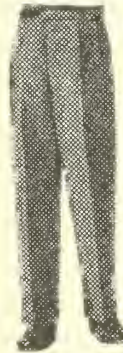
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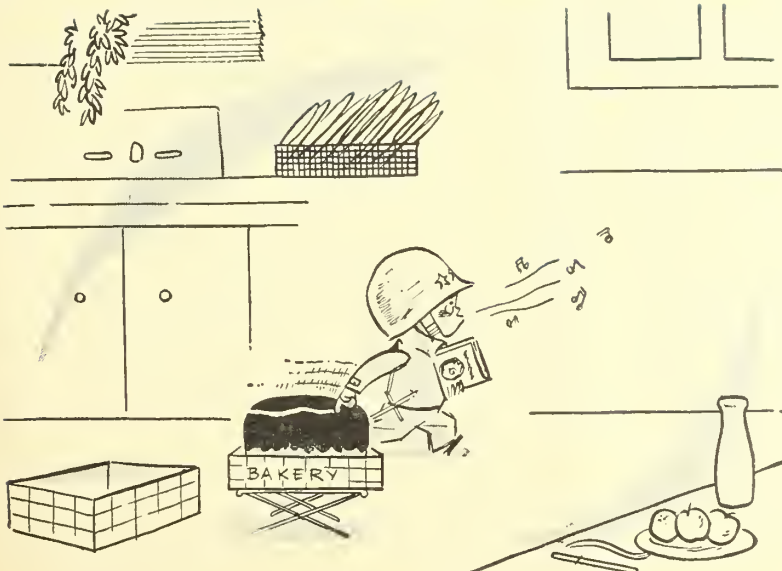
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By S. B. STEVENS



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issue passed *unanimously*. Vaccination and yearly lung X-rays for school children came into being in Burnet. A volunteer spotter in each block surveyed all eyesores, open toilets, chicken yards and pig-pens. Each such nuisance became a pin on a big city map. Every untidy spot on that map except one was voluntarily corrected by the landowner or tenant responsible. The exception was a violation of the law, and public opinion backed up legal pressure which cleared that up.

Home owners spruced up their yards. Merchants remodeled their store fronts. Part of the Plan funds were invested in books for a library, now in temporary quarters over the usually empty jail. A new library building is planned.

Being a collection of human beings, Burnet's citizens did not progress with complete harmony. Criticisms, fair and unfair and debatable, began to be heard. One of these was a suggestion from Tom C. Ferguson, now a district judge and then Commander of Burnet's American Legion Post #64. Ferguson called for a reorganization.

"Now that we know where we're going," said Ferguson, "let's divide the jobs up more definitely among different groups. It'll be more efficient and cut out some of the unnecessary conflict." His idea was adopted.

The American Legion Post, which had never had a Post home, was charged with developing a center for social groups under the new organization. The Post received \$300 from the Plan's funds. Major Ray Wingren deeded a tract of land to the Post with the stipulation that neither liquor nor gambling be allowed on the premises. (Later he excluded bingo from the gambling restriction.) At Camp Bowie, a hundred miles north, the Legion got some barracks buildings from War Assets Administration. They sit on Burnet's eastern slope today like a broad, short letter U, with a club-room at one end, a kitchen at the other and a long dance hall in the center. Today the Legion home serves

Burnet as a community center. Five different social groups meet there on appointed weekday evenings. Bingo parties with groceries for prizes, barbecues and square dances provide the first Burnet "night life."

Every Friday night the Legion home is thrown open to teen-agers, for dances and parties. The PTA provides chaperones. In the first eight months of 1949, Friday night teen-age attendance was over 3,000, and the Post home was booked months in advance for other groups.

Shortly the AAA soil program which had been arranged for in Washington began to operate. The present Commander of Burnet's Legion Post, Ollie R. Perkins, is one of its field men. Now crop-rotation, terracing, scientific planting of range grasses and the elimination of cedars are restoring the bedrock of the county's established way of life. Cattle have always been the lifeblood of Burnet County, but for eighty years the cattle population of the area had slowly dropped because of depreciation of the range, and had given way to more goats and sheep. Until recently, the human population had held proportional to the cattle count.

The Burnet County Producers Association has been formed, to solve the problem of insufficient outlets for farm products in Burnet, and new food lockers stand near the county's railroad sidings.

At the same time the Burnet Plan began, a group of philanthropists elsewhere in Texas were planning a unique Baptist orphan home for boys in Texas—Buckner Boys Ranch. This was to be a home where orphan boys could grow up in the outdoor atmosphere of the Texas range. Out of the Burnet Plan funds, \$1,050 was given to the Boys Ranch with the understanding it locate near Burnet. The ranch has located on the east shore of Inks Lake, 11 miles west of Burnet and about equidistant from Burnet and the town of Marble Falls, second largest town in the county.

"That was a noble gift," an inquisitive visitor to Burnet remarked last fall. "But

how do you justify spending Community Development funds that way?"

"The ranch will eat," said a Burnet retailer. "A wholesale food-dealer like Chester Husted should supply it with food. In turn, the food-dealer will employ more local help than otherwise."

"The adult staff of the ranch," said another, "will probably buy clothing, stationery, drugs, cars, gas and oil in Burnet and Marble Falls. All our merchants will do more business and hire more help."

Doctor-Mayor Joe Shepperd chuckled. "When someone at the ranch gets appendicitis one of the Burnet doctors will be called in. With growing practices we will hire more office help and nurses. We're proud of Boys Ranch, glad it is here, glad of the work it will do, and might as well admit it's good business for Burnet. Chances are more than our gift has already reverted to Burnet County in construction payrolls out there, and has been circulating here as wages and purchases."

Burnet quickly found that its revolution was attracting outside attention. The University of Texas was interested and helpful. The business school there approved as a master's thesis, by a graduate student, a complete survey of Burnet County—its people, its economic past and future possibilities, its attractive hills and dry climate, its minerals and soil. No such basic information had ever been assembled before. The Plan funds helped underwrite the expenses of the study. A copy of the report is on file in Burnet today, a ready source of information for prospective new business ventures.

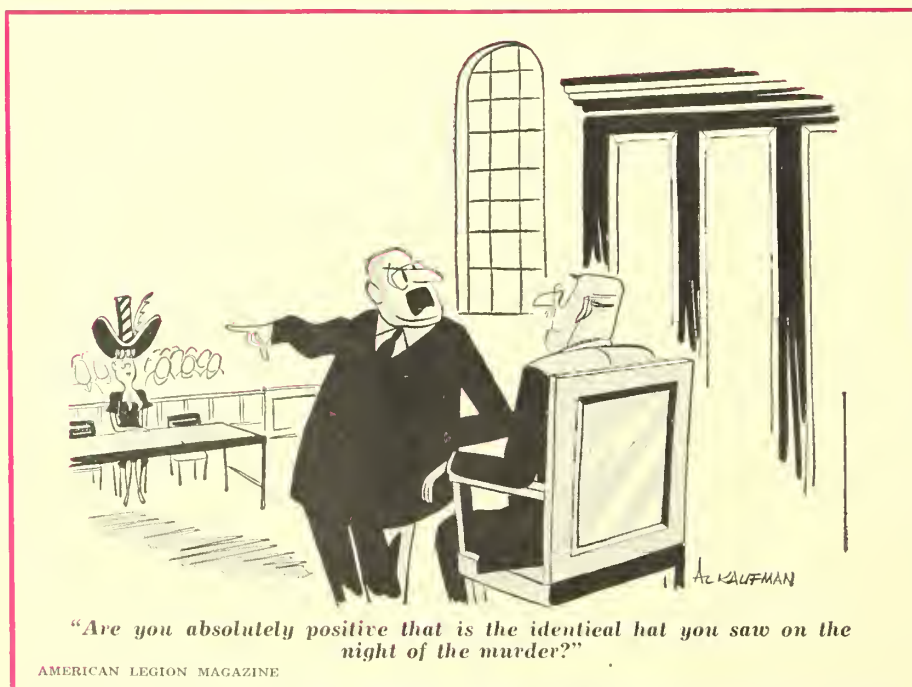
Graduate students of the University's city-planning division, Department of Architecture, studied the town of Burnet and prepared six alternate plans for future growth under the guidance of Professor Hugo Leipziger. To do this they met and worked with fifty members of three Burnet citizens' committees.

There is no possible way to measure the results of the Burnet Plan. The tangible, physical gains are marked—but the new spirit, the intangible gains, and a host of chain reactions far surpass them. The old, dirt-streeted, changeless cross-roads town that had basked for generations under the blue Texas sky no longer exists.

Burnet, today, is a town of about 4,000. In 1940 it was 1,945. It has attracted the new people it sought and keeps drawing more from the humid Gulf Coast. Along the road north to Lampasas, where there were scarcely any buildings eight years ago, bulldozers are pushing new streets into the fields a half mile beyond the city limits. Behind them follow the hammer and saw and the moving vans. A man who moved to Burnet in 1935 says there were no paved streets then. "My mother nearly threw a fit at settling in this 'God-awful' place." Today all streets are paved. Last fall a city-wide gas pipe plowed through the town streets. New tourist cabins report full houses and more are going up.

The young men whom the American Legion feared would drift off to the cities have stayed and are prospering. Some who left have returned. Mayor Shepperd's nurse, Lillian Kroeger, has five young brothers all in business for themselves in

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GOLD IS WHERE YOU FIND IT

After three years of Army service, Raymond V. Tobler, 101-05 222nd Street, Queens Village, Long Island, N. Y., went back to the jewelry business where working with gold is routine. He thought he had a good knowledge of the precious stuff until two years later he discovered gold of a different type — golden hamsters.

Today he has his own "mine" in the basement of his home where he keeps scores of wooden pens housing nearly a thousand of the curious, chipmunk-like animals. So profitable is his venture that more than a year ago he gave up being a jeweler to devote full time to his new project.

Tobler's original investment was \$5 which he sent to a golden hamster breeder in the south for a pair of the quarter-pound rodents. Interested in animal life, he intended to raise a few as a hobby. He put their pen in his garage, unaware that they are the fastest breeding and fastest maturing animals known to zoologists. Sixteen days later the female gave birth to eight young — three males, five females. Within six weeks the young females had matured and soon were ready to have their litters.

"After six months of this," Tobler says, "the garage was almost walking away with golden hamsters. It took all my spare time building new pens for them out of scrap lumber and chicken wire. Soon I had to move the car out on the street to make room for more pens. The entire garage became filled, so I moved the colony into the basement and before long I found I was making more money than in the store."

Tobler sells the hamsters to pet lovers, other breeders and occasionally to medical laboratories where they are used in experimentation. He gets \$3 for a female and \$2 for a male. His first sales began when he displayed a few at the Mineola, Long Island, Fair. It took him several months to fill orders he received that week. At the same time he inserted two-inch advertisements in Long Island newspapers, bringing in additional business. Research technicians at Columbia University and at St. Alban's Naval Hospital bought the little animals from Tobler after he had contacted them and assured them that he could provide a steady supply. Just recently he appeared on a television hobby show with a half dozen prize specimens. After that business began booming.

As golden hamsters eat all kinds of vegetable matter and green stuffs, feeding is an easy problem, cost is low. Now Tobler is trying to develop a strain with

fur heavy enough to be of commercial value. "Sure there's money in the jewelry business," he says, "but so far as real gold is concerned, I'll take golden hamsters any day."

— BY FRANK LEWIS

HE CATERS TO FISH-LOVERS

It was a hot, sticky afternoon on Munda during the latter days of the war, when Dave Harris of Bellflower, California, kicked over an empty ammunition box and started a career. An enlisted man with Marine Air Group 61, he noted that the case was tin-lined and waterproof — and about the size of the glass-sided fish aquariums that used to sell in the department stores back home.

With some pieces of Plexiglas, a length of rubber tubing that he found in a scrap pile and some rubber cement, he soon turned the rectangular-shaped box into an aquarium which he stocked with tropical fish from a nearby lagoon.

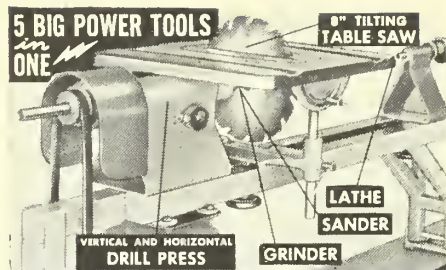
Later he was hospitalized and sent to the Long Beach Naval hospital. Here he was declared partially disabled and doctors warned him that he would have to take it easy after receiving his medical discharge. That was when he started making aquariums again, tinkering with pieces of stainless steel, glass and plastics. He made quite a number of the tiny tanks for friends and relatives before hitting upon the thought that there might be a market for them.

He started his business in a friend's garage where he turned scrap metal and glass into profitable aquariums, at the same time, learning to bend, solder and weld the metals and fit out the cases in a more professional manner. As his ability developed and business picked up, he bought more tools and some power equipment and now turns out dozens of tanks each month for a wholesale dealer in Los Angeles who takes all that he can produce. Harris sells his smallest-sized tank for \$4.65 and his largest tank brings \$18.50.

Dave has expanded even further and is occasionally called upon to install a custom-built tank in a den or rumpus room. His most expensive custom tank brought him \$300. In several California homes he has succeeded in converting false fireplaces into large aquariums.

Dave's wife, who has been sympathetic toward the project since its beginning, has become a partner in the enterprise. Dave does the rough work, cutting out the parts, trimming them and putting them together while she takes care of the smaller details of finishing and polishing.

What do they do for a hobby? They raise tropical fish! — BY JACK LEWIS



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Burnet. One has a heavy-farm-equipment agency meeting demands created in part by the soil program. In Phil Heavenor's big quonset by the railway siding, prefabricated cedar cabins from the straight cedars off the range are manufactured for vacationists on the lakes.

Mayor Shepperd, who opened his little hospital in partnership with Dr. Allen shortly before the war, is going it with three new doctors now and is adding three wings to the hospital, planning to air-condition the entire unit. Dr. Allen has pulled out and built his own hospital in Burnet. There is one other doctor in town. Shepperd says that today the increase in young leadership in Burnet makes him feel like one of the old men more than does the fact that he is a grandfather at 37.

Bill Love, young adjutant of the Legion Post, has opened his own dry-cleaning establishment. Recently he said, "In the Army I traveled all over this country before going overseas, yet I always hoped I could stay in Burnet where my friends are. When I came back and saw what was happening here I knew Burnet was going to grow and decided I'd just grow along with it. Although there were already two established dry-cleaning shops I opened another. So far I'm doing fine and working hard."

Part of Bill Love's enterprise illustrates the endless chain reaction toward better business set off by the first acts of the Burnet Plan. Dry-cleaning in Burnet, today, has increased out of proportion to the growth of population—for the dances and card parties at the Legion Post's new community center have created regular weekly occasions for people to be dressed well. Bill Love, in turn, has stayed in Burnet and is an additional customer for the services of his fellow citizens.

Willis H. Smith has taken his son Ralph, into his old dry-goods business on Burnet's town square. Said the elder Smith not long ago, "When I put up \$300 toward the Plan that night when we

started I knew I was inviting competition to town. Now the competition is here. But I knew it would be good for the whole town and it has been. If we were to raise another kitty today based on what we have learned, I'd go another \$300, and that kind of money doesn't come easy in a town this size."

The chain reaction of the Burnet Plan shows throughout the county in the increase of individual enterprise, quite separate from the formal plan, growing out of the new confidence in Burnet that the Plan inspired.

Tommie White, who owned the old Burnet theater, has built the brand new Texas Theater on the town square—a sparkling modern establishment which is the pride of everyone. For the first time the Methodist Church in Burnet has a full time pastor. A new \$43,000 Baptist Church is going up in Burnet. Libraries have started in the neighboring towns of Bertram and Marble Falls.

In spite of the increase in population there is no such thing as unemployment in Burnet County today. The weight and number of pieces of mail in the Burnet Post Office have doubled in two years. Last March there were seven hundred unfilled applications for new post office boxes. Marble Falls had a brand new Post Office which was beginning to appear inadequate about the time it opened. A new high school is authorized for Burnet.

Said the Texas State Employment Commission, in a 13-page survey of Burnet County last March: "Civic-minded folks in Burnet County—and that's practically everyone—are planning new and better things for the county as a whole and for the particular community they live in... growth and progress everywhere—new businesses—bigger schools—cities expanding—churches building—new homes—new paint jobs...new equipment—clean merchandise and plenty of it is in the stores... it's easy to see Burnet County is doing all right...."

"... compared to the rest of the State and the country at large the drop in un-

employment in Burnet County is noteworthy. Unemployment in 1949 will... be counted in time only—the time it takes to leave one job and start another."

The report listed fourteen new establishments—business and professional—in Burnet city, three in Bertram and thirteen in Marble Falls, during the year since March 1948. That is, in the year since the Burnet kitty ran out and the Plan ended as a separate thing, to be turned over to the Chamber of Commerce after a life of ten months. The two-year total of new enterprises is over fifty.

Huge as the outward symptoms of the new Burnet are, Burnet businessmen and civic leaders believe that perhaps the biggest gain of the Plan, now and in the future, lies in the intangibles. The stimulus to enterprise. The development of new leadership. The broader support for long-wanted improvements. The half-hundred Burnet committee members who worked with the University students on city-planning started from scratch—"Scarcely knowing what they wanted," said some of the students—and wound up as experts on the intricate problems which future growth would pose for Burnet. All those who served on other committees similarly enlarged the core of citizen-leaders in the town, a core which will be Burnet's as long as those people live.

The six alternate city plans themselves were of little immediate value. Burnet learned that already its Topsy-like growth has committed the town to situations which make it hard to effect many principles of sound planning. The town square is too small already, but Burnet is not prepared to rip out another block in the business center to add to the square, even though the cost and the need of that operation will increase as time goes by. But what a lesson that is for all towns which may be growing without thinking! Burnet, at 2,000 population, had already gone unplanned too long.

The city plans did show Burnet where to locate its new high school. And they have helped plan the new growth on Burnet's outskirts. But Carl Yarborough stated the main trouble best of all.

Yarborough is a War Two veteran who joined the move away from the "old Burnet" before the war and worked in Fort Worth. Now he is back home, and has his own dry-goods store on the town square.

He said: "The city plans are a fine thing. But if we were to follow them entirely we'd need a cyclone followed by an oil boom." The man he spoke to nodded, thinking that though San Francisco gained in the long run by rebuilding soundly after the 1906 earthquake and fire, nobody would have dared tear the city down deliberately.

Yarborough added, "I'll tell you this. No town could fail to profit from the kind of kick in the pants the Legion started here."

Doc Shepperd said the same thing, and that he'd go another \$300 any time.

Tommie White, theater owner, agreed.

Waddell Northington, funeral director turned contractor, said so too. He added "People in other towns would make a mistake if they thought they'd suddenly



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have dollar bills raining in the streets. But they'd make as bad a mistake if they thought there was nothing to this mass action for town improvement."

L. J. Joseph, who has a child-garment factory, using electric power from the new dams, said the same thing.

In Austin, Texas, Legion State Commander Joe Spurlock said that word of the Burnet development was bringing de-



mands for Legion support of community developments all over Texas. "Starting in January, 1950," he announced, "we expect Legion districts to begin fact finding for community improvement in many other Texas towns."

In Washington, Ralph Lavers said: "The Legion Economic Commission did practically nothing except start the idea. Jay Hormel jumped in personally when things popped so fast. Burnet did all the rest itself. It agreed to be our guinea pig."

Down in Atlanta, Georgia, a spokesman for the Georgia Power and Light Company said: "No town need feel it must be in Burnet's unique position, with new lakes beckoning to prosperity, in order to gain from such a plan. Here in Georgia we have sponsored a similar idea for several years, and scores of towns without Burnet's unique advantages have made their own opportunities. The same thing is happening now in many Arkansas towns!" (For story of one such Georgia town see *The Town That Came Back*, American Legion Magazine, Sept. 1949.)

In New York City, Legion National Commander George N. Craig, said: "Mere word of the pilot job done by Burnet has created more nationwide excitement than anything the Legion has initiated since we wrote the G.I. Bill. The most significant things about it are the making of opportunity at home for young men — and the discovery that here in America we can still help ourselves, if we will. The American Legion is going to develop the Burnet idea on a broader scale."

And back in Austin, Texas, Dr. C. H. Brownlee, home from a visit to the new Burnet, said: "I can ask nothing more. My cup is running over."

THE END

Sound Off!

(Continued from page 8)

the girls and he is entirely wrong about where the prettiest girls are. They are not in Atlanta but in Fort Worth and Dallas, Texas. I have seen more beautiful girls on one street in those cities than I have seen all my life elsewhere. Anyone who has been there will agree to that.

Cpl. John LoSchiavo
Honolulu, T. H.

Apparently Harold Helfer needs to have his bi-focals adjusted so that he can see through more than the lower half. Down here in Texas we judge pretty girls from many more angles than "standing on a street corner on a breezy day."

And as every educated male knows, even if he has only been to a County Fair, a Family Reunion or Persimmon Flat, Dallas, Texas has more pretty girls per capita than any city, town or village in the world.

John R. Bruner
Camp Hood, Tex.

No other city can hold a candle to the flocks of pretty girls to be found in Houston, Texas, more to the square inch than in any town I know of. The story goes that traveling men stopping at the Rice Hotel in Houston get up early in the morning to watch the girls going to work or school. I've been asked about the girls of Hollywood and Miami Beach. The Houston girls top them.

Roy E. Chisholm
Jackson, Mich.

Everyone seems to think Dallas is the largest city in Texas, but Houston has that honor. Why wasn't Houston mentioned in Mr. Helfer's article? If you have ever been here you will know there are many, many pretty girls, not to mention the more than pretty girls. I do not believe Houston receives the recognition that is its due.

W. M.
Houston, Tex.

You probably know that Atlanta and Birmingham are rivals. Each claims it has the biggest and best of everything. Harold Helfer used to work for the Post here. Once he went to Atlanta with a photographer and got pix and wrote a series of articles in the Post panning Atlanta. He showed slum areas and scattered garbage, etc., in his articles. I enclose a paragraph in the column which is conducted by Vulcan (Walling Keith) in the Birmingham News:

"Harold Helfer writes in *The American Legion Magazine* that Atlanta has the prettiest girls in he world. . . . Mighty pretty on Peachtree Street, but has Harold Helfer forgotten the gal-happy hours he stared from the second floor of Birmingham's City Hall, watching the most beautiful girls in the world gathered here from Alabama's 67 counties? . . . Editor Brainerd Cooper, of *The Chattanooga News-Free Press* can bear me out. . . . He used to watch Harold watching the girls."

John B. Atkins
Birmingham, Ala.

Harold Helfer may be "hell fer" pretty girls, but he has obviously never been in Des Moines, Iowa.

Frank Miles
Des Moines, Iowa

I'm a lonely sailor of twenty, five feet seven, blue eyes, and a yearn for some friend. I'd like to get acquainted with these Southern belles Mr. Helfer talks about. I receive no mail, except from my sweet Mother, so how about cheering up a hospitalized sailor, some of you Southern girls? I'm not in search of a beautiful doll, because beauty is only skin deep; it's just friendship I'm looking for.

Russ Dutchie Pifer
U. S. Naval Hospital, Ward 23
Mare Island, Vallejo, Calif.

THAT PHILLY CONVENTION

As a letter writer I would probably starve to death. I want you to accept this not for its artistic worth, but for the way I feel. What I saw in Philadelphia made me very proud to be a Legionnaire. I have never enjoyed such convention business in the twenty-two years that I have owned a restaurant, as I did during the Legion's National Convention here. As a matter of fact, I did more business in four days than all of the national conventions put together last summer. We must have served a couple of thousand Legionnaires and their families. They ate the best and drank very little. As a matter of fact I did not see one drunk. I did not have as much as one glass of water upset on any table. They were the happiest and most orderly crowd I have ever served. In most cases they would say to the waitress, "Where's Tilly?" They would call me from the kitchen and thank me for a wonderful meal, and tell me it was the best meal they had in town.

Here's hoping the Legion Convention comes back to Philadelphia again.

A. Tilles
Philadelphia, Pa.

A LETTER FROM ARIZONA

At a regular meeting of this Post, Nov. 16, 1949, a resolution was unanimously adopted that a letter be written *The American Legion Magazine* asking them to publish a story of conditions in the Southwest.

1. Jobs are very few and far between; there being very little industry in this part of the Southwest.

2. Housing is more plentiful now, but still costs entirely too much.

3. Because of the great number of people coming through this part of the country none of the Social Services Organizations can be of much assistance to anyone, as their funds are less than the demand.

Therefore we suggest that all veterans be warned to stay at their homes where they have a better chance to get jobs or help if it is needed, unless of course they have the money to finance themselves.

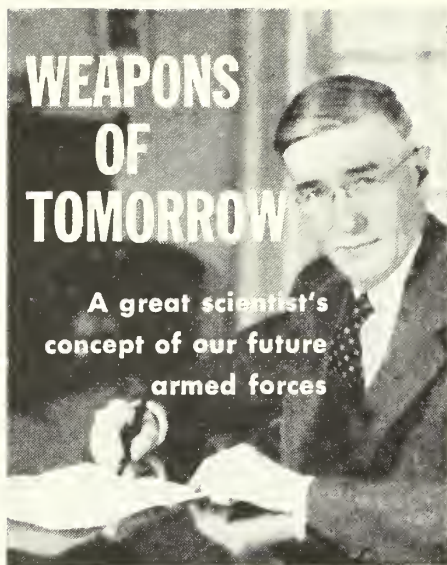
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the picture which had come into our minds.

The swaggering gang of extravagant "hicks" we had envisioned became a band of frightened but brave young men, gay in a strange place far from home, standing on the edge of danger. There was a catch in our throats as we thought of their youth and courage in the face of the suffering and death awaiting them. We could almost hear their laughter and shouts of "OK, Joe," to the enthralled natives. In the eyes of our black friend, we saw the same thing phrased in his own way. And we had a quick glimpse of America which silenced us with pride tinged with sadness.

America nudged our shoulder again in Tonga, that last retreat of romantic isolation in the South Seas. Tonga is everything the story books and movies depict. It has its own barefooted reigning queen ruling a happy, golden-brown people whose songs, dances and gentle hospitality are as carefree as island breezes.

Our host was sitting cross-legged beside us on the shore. His eldest son was behind him, playing a battered guitar and singing haunting melodies that repeated the murmur of the waves. Giggling children dashed around us, engrossed in a Polynesian version of the universal game of tag. Before us was a palm-leaf mat laden with crisply roasted suckling pigs, heaps of yams, island potatoes, glistening red melons, all garlanded about with fragrant tropical flowers.

Here, it seemed impossible that only a few years ago these lovely, remote isles were threatened by a sinister and cruel foe bent on world domination.

Our host reminded us of these things.

In liquid Tongan, he called out to a pretty little girl as she ran along the beach looking like a newly risen water sprite. As she stood, shyly grinning, before us, he asked:

"You never know her name?" Then he roared with laughter before continuing.

"She name Lovely America. You save us, so we thank God and America. Name girl Lovely America so we never forget as long as she live."

When we left Tonga, Lovely America came to us with bundles of native gifts from her father—and a message. Painfully scrawled on a piece of ruled paper, it read:

"You tell everybody hello for us in America. God Bless America."

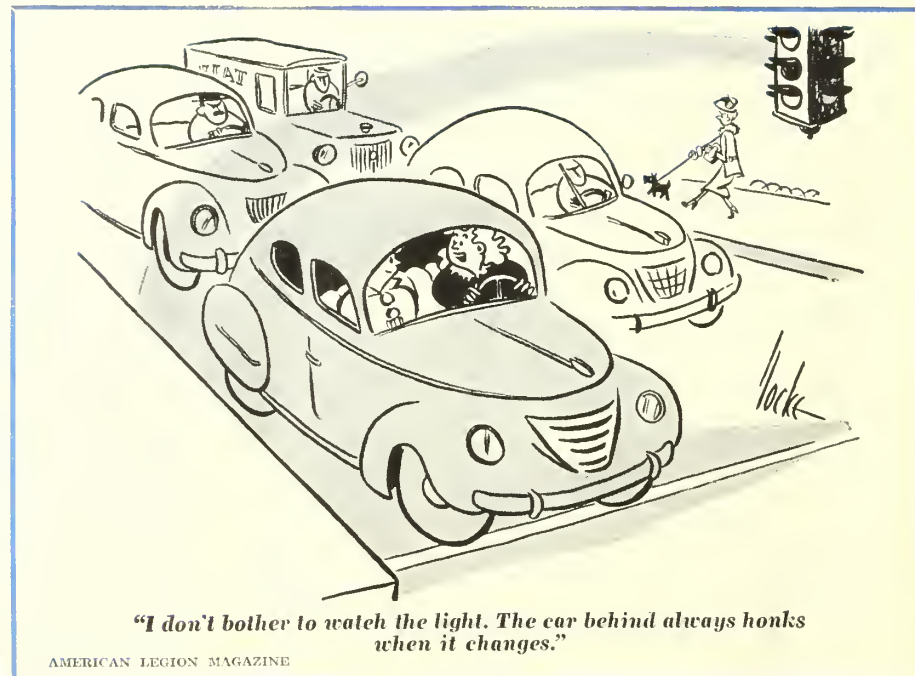
Our next port of call was New Zealand, a pair of twin Pacific islands which migrant Englishmen from Captain Cook onward have been working to remake into a replica of "home." As a consequence, some parts of this tiny nation are more English than England, while others out-Scotch Scotland.

But everywhere it is beautiful. New Zealand is really a sort of scenic world tour in miniature—it has the mountains and alpine lakes of Switzerland, the wheat plains of Kansas, the fern jungles of the tropics, glaciers, geysers, thermal springs, beaches, rivers, forests, all crammed into a country 1,000 miles long and seldom at any point broader than 200 miles.

With the possible exception of Scandinavia, New Zealand is unrivaled for its standard of living and progressive social security program. Its people live longer than any on earth; its babies have a better chance of healthy survival; its aged folk are generously pensioned by the government; its cities are without slums or underworld; no one is jobless.

Yet as we traveled through New Zealand, visiting its model sheep ranches, inspecting its public housing projects, swimming in its invigorating cold waters, boating on its crystal clear lakes, raiding its lush orchards, we had an undefined but persistent sense of missing something.

It was Prime Minister Peter Frazer himself who gave us the clue. We were



visiting the far-sighted, kindly man whose voice in world councils has always been raised in behalf of tolerance, justice and decency.

"The major export of New Zealand is brains," he said sadly.

We went away mulling over that cryptic remark until light dawned. The wise old Prime Minister was right. The brightest, most promising young New Zealanders were constantly migrating to other lands in search of greater opportunity, more stimulation, wider scope for their talents. They didn't leave because of the boiled-beef-and-cabbage monotony of the diet or the lack of central heating, discomforting as such things are to pampered foreigners like ourselves. No, they left because, in spite of social security, in spite of an abundance of jobs, in spite of all the good things New Zealand offers, it lacks the one commodity America has in overwhelming abundance.

It lacks variety. There is a pervasive sameness. The people come from similar backgrounds. They want the same things. They express themselves in almost identical ways. They are, in these respects, almost the diametrical opposites of Americans.

So, for the first time in our odyssey of exploration, we felt a touch of nostalgia for the very things we were fleeing.

On the map, Australia looks like New Zealand's next door neighbor. Actually, 1,300 miles of rough sea lie between, and no two nations having such a common background could be more different. After the calm torpor of Auckland, Sydney bursts on you like a bombshell. In this overgrown giant of a city live one-fifth of the entire 7,500,000 people of all Australia. It's a strange contrast to the rest of this sprawling land of which two-thirds is virtually uninhabited desert with some portions still unexplored.

Here, at last, we thought, is the right blend. Australia has the aggressive ambition of America, plus the challenge of an almost untouched back area with beckoning wild frontiers.

The Australians themselves reflect that interesting mixture. They are tough, pioneering people, but they also like modern comforts. They are explorers of the "out back," but they use jeeps instead of covered wagons. They are as defiantly proud as Texans of their turbulent history, and as enthusiastically optimistic about their future.

We had succumbed to the Australian dream of a future great nation with prosperous millions living where only hundreds now dwell, when we stumbled across the "White Australia Policy."

Under this, Australia today is seeking to attract settlers from among the millions of American servicemen who passed through the land "Down Under" during the war. It has inaugurated an assisted migration program to pay transportation for Yank veterans and their families and to help them in getting established. But the program is only for "white Americans." Black, brown or yellow servicemen who fought with equal valor to keep invaders from Australia's shores are not merely unwanted, they are strictly barred.

Once more we got a warm feeling as

we thought back to America. Regardless of group frictions that sometimes explode, there has always been a pride in America's "melting pot" tradition. Moreover, an enlightened public opinion back home is gradually but surely destroying the barrier of prejudice and intolerance to forge a unity of difference without destroying individuality.

We had some of this in mind as we headed for the Philippines, that new nation which America helped create as a symbol to the world that a native, colonial people should have equal rights to independence.

Arriving in Manila is a shock for which no stranger is quite prepared. Rusting in the harbor are dozens of wrecked ships, some only half submerged, others showing just the corroded superstructure. Warships, troop carriers, and freighters—half Japanese and half American—they are grim reminders that the Philippines were twice invaded and twice nearly destroyed.

Manila itself, which once flaunted the proud title, "Pearl of the Orient," is a battered shell rebuilding slowly on its shattered ruins. It is a weird combination of Yankee bustle, Spanish social customs, and Oriental passivity. Brightly decorated jeeps serving as jitneys bowl madly down Spanish-named streets, while inscrutable brown men squat on the curb eating rice.

The viewpoints are just as violently jumbled. The government, set up along American lines as a republic, is honey-combed by politicians who retain the Spanish colonial idea that office-holding is merely a means for personal profit, while the common tao accepts this exploitation with time-honored Eastern fatalism.

At a dinner party in Manila, a high political mogul began one of the most popular international sports, complaining about Uncle Sam—a sport, incidentally, in which we ourselves had frequently indulged back home. He griped that the U. S. had not spent enough money on Philippine rehabilitation, that American capital had not flowed in fast enough, that "dollar diplomacy" was seeking to run the country despite its independence.

The voice which replied had a familiar sound, but the words were unexpectedly new.

"America gave you a billion dollars worth of surplus assets, and most of it was stolen or wasted," the voice asserted. "United States business men are eager to invest millions out here, but grafting politicians are stopping them through shakedown and red tape. The American government is doing everything in its power to help the common people here, but their own leaders are robbing them blind. It's time you stopped screaming about 'Uncle Shylock' and settled down to cleaning house and working."

We knew the facts were right because we'd checked them ourselves. What surprised us was that it was our own voice speaking.

That night we returned to our hotel a little shocked and dazed at this unexpected turn of events. We who had left America in a cynically critical mood, were out here more than 6,000 miles away defending it like a Fourth of July orator.



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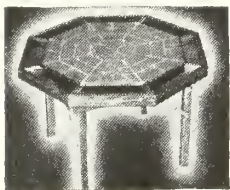
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We watched their faces as they arrived. The faces of the bent old people and thin children had two things in common: a haunted look of sorrow in their eyes, and an expression of dreaming disbelief at having finally arrived at their goal.

We talked to one of them, a Polish Jewish boy whose skinny arm bore the tattoo marks of both Auschwitz and Dachau. He was wearing a cast-off American combat jacket five sizes too big for him, but his eyes were dancing with joy. He described the whole tragic world he had left in one simple sentence.

"In Europe," he said, "there are three kinds of people—VIPs, who are Very Important People; Ps, who are just people; and DPs, who are half people."

Then he startled us by adding, "But you sent us to Palestine."

We had to beg an explanation.

"You Americans did," he insisted. "You beat Hitler before he could kill us all. You sent food so we didn't starve in the DP camps. And now you give us Palestine so that Jews can live as people instead of beggars."

We reversed the route of the refugees by going from Tel Aviv to Rome.

Our first impression of Rome was a street riot of people crowding to sell us things we didn't want; ragged urchins thrusting counterfeit American cigarette packages under our noses; furtive men trying to exchange phony *lira* notes for our good dollar bills; peddlers brandishing rosaries they falsely said were blessed by the Pope. No matter how long you stay in Rome, each time you enter or leave the hotel, they are upon you, and the more persistent will hang on for several blocks before despairing.

The sky's the limit in Rome. Night life is as riotous as in Paris, stores are jammed with luxurious merchandise, restaurants feature menus to delight a gourmet.

But Rome is also the city where the heart-rending movie "Shoeshine" was filmed, where half-starved street gamins fight to shine your shoes, where old women beg on the streets, where pale mothers with sick babies work all night by candlelight at intricate embroidery for a few pennies an hour. The extremes are too great and soon diluted our pleasure.

The day before we left, a shabby, middle-aged, respectable-looking man came up to us and tipped his hat. At first, we thought he was attempting to sell us something. Instead, he simply asked: "You ever been to Brooklyn?" When we nodded, he continued: "I gotta brother in Brooklyn."

The look in his eyes held such longing and admiration that we felt suddenly ashamed of ourselves because, in a poverty-stricken world, we possessed the most precious luxury possible—we lived in America.

Our money was running low enough for us to start thinking of starting homeward, but there were two places we must visit, one for penance and one for pleasure—Germany and Paris.

Munich is no tourist resort, yet every believer in a free world should visit it as part of his education in democracy. Here is the birthplace of Nazism, but Hitler's favorite beerhall, the scene of the famous *putsch*, is now an American Red Cross soda bar. Only a few miles away is Dachau where more than 300,000 innocent people were cremated with assembly line thoroughness that had the foresight to build two sizes of cremation ovens, one for adults, a smaller one for children.

Amid these stern-faced people, some of whom still march along the sidewalks in goosestep rhythm carrying the inevitable briefcases which to Germans are a mark of respectability, American soldiers look strangely young and out of place. They feel that way, too.

We talked to one young Iowan, drinking the pale, watery ale to which the famous Munich *brau* has degenerated. He was trying hard to explain to us the peculiar attitude of the people which wavers between stubborn sullenness and fawning servility.

"They hate us," he said with his face screwed up into lines of concentration that contrasted with its youthfulness. "Yeah, they hate us because we're too good to them. They just can't understand being decent to somebody you've licked. But we've got to be good to them—we've just got to—or else we'll be like them."

More than anybody we met, he made us proud to be Americans.

Like children, nursing the best piece of candy till last, we had saved Paris for our final stop. Paris is like the sea. Everything anybody has ever said, written or sung about it is true, but incomplete. It is probably the most described city in the world and the most indescribable.

All the quaint, queer, and picturesque little places which have always lured lovers beckoned us: The uncomfortable chairs in the Luxembourg which you pay a funny little old lady for the privilege of sitting in. The sidewalk cafés where you watch the ever-changing sideshow of Paris pass before you. The dingy, unprepossessing, out-of-the-way restaurants where the food is as beautiful as a song.

It's as hard for a romantic to criticize Paris as it is for a movie-struck girl to believe that her celluloid idol is the father of two married daughters.

We had to dig beneath the glittering excitement to realize that the lovely face of Paris hid a suffering which is centuries old. It was there in the back streets in the work-bent bodies of washerwomen. It was there on the street corners where orators, who had probably never used the contents of the soap boxes on which they stood, cried out against the high cost of living and low rates of pay. It was there in the militant mouthpiece of various

revolutionary organizations seeking to correct the existing evils with radical remedies that contain even greater evils for humanity.

This time it was a tired French newspaperman who summed it up for us, over a glass of Dubonnet.

"Everybody remembers Paris the way an old man remembers the beautiful girl he loved and lost. Paris is the beloved who remains always young and lovely. But Paris is old now — old and weary and confused — not knowing which way to turn. Here in Paris, do you know the young girl we worship from afar? New York! That is the Paris of which we in Europe dream. Of all the people in the world, you Americans are the only ones who do not know what America means!"

Then, all of a sudden, we were not only broke in Paris — we were terribly homesick. So we were going home — the fastest, cheapest way we could.

We were going home better citizens of the world because we had become better Americans. Every country we visited has sent some of its best loved sons and daughters to help build America. Each country we saw has something to teach America, whether it is a better way of raising sheep or a kinder form of neighborliness.

A slow freighter is the long way home, and it gives you lots of time to remember. We had changed. No doubt about that. But

we might have been too sophisticated to weep at the sight of the Statue of Liberty, had it not been for a little Hungarian immigrant boy standing with his parents alongside of us.

"Look, mamma and papa! It's Miss Liberty!"

As they stood there on the deck gazing at the symbol of freedom, their faces had the quiet, reverent expression people wear in church. The man took off his hat and held it in his hands.

We felt a sweep of exultant pride. We were so much luckier than they. They were only about to discover America — we had already discovered it. They were on the verge of learning all the soft and hard parts of America, its errors and wisdoms, its greatness and its smallness, the whole mass of paradoxes it contains. We know them. We are a part of them.

In our pockets, there was train fare home, and little more. At home, there was the struggle of starting over again.

But we were bringing something back more valuable than anything we had ever seen or possessed. We were the richest, happiest people on earth.

By some strange quirk, we both thought back to a tiny island nearly 10,000 miles away, where the laughing natives could never pronounce our name. They had called us, instead, "Turoga and Marama America" — Mr. and Mrs. America.

THE END

They Couldn't Be Killed

(Continued from page 23)

and the engine coughed and caught again."

When Captain Moody got back to his base the Crew Chief ordered the plane sent to the junkyard. Moody was immediately on the market peddling the two parrots.

Corporal Ernest Lehman had a strange good luck charm for a few minutes. It

was a fat, green shellfish that attached itself to Lehman's pants when he came up from an unscheduled dive in a General Sherman tank to the bottom of the Pacific Ocean.

Lehman was a gunner in the tank when the Marine First Division assaulted Enebi Island. A Jap shell knocked the ramp off the LCT 500 yards off shore and the Sherman slipped out into deep water. It landed wrongside up on the bottom of the lagoon some 60 feet deep but Lehman managed to crawl through the hatch, dislodging the shellfish, and shoot to the surface to be picked up by another LCT. Four other men in the tank were not so fortunate. All were drowned.

Sometimes luck served the Germans as well as the Americans. Captain Melvin C. Wood established that fact. Wood was leading a flight of four P-51's on a strafing mission against some gasoline installations in Northern France. Mission accomplished, the flight was hedgehopping its way home with Captain Wood in the lead.

"I came over a rise at about 50 feet," Wood stated at war's end, "and saw dead ahead a large German camp with plenty of guns firing. We were short on ammunition so I told my boys to get out of there. Then there was a terrific explosion in my plane.

"The next thing I knew I was standing on the ground in between two big buildings and parts of the plane were scattered around me. I still had the 'stick' in my hand when two German soldiers rushed up and grabbed my pistol. I didn't have

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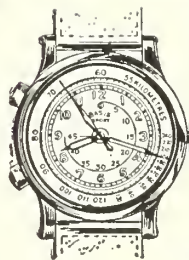
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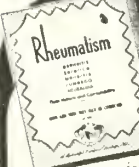
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a scratch but the thing that made me mad was that I landed right in the middle of a prisoner of war camp."

War has always provided scientists and doctors with amazing proofs of man's apparent indestructibility. There appears, every now and then, an individual whom neither man nor the elements can conquer.

Twenty-three-year-old Poon Lim fought the longest, successful singlehanded battle against the sea man has ever waged. Lim who hailed from New York City was a steward on the British Merchant ship *S.S. Benlomond* which was hit by a German torpedo off the West African coast one night in November of 1942.

Lim was thrown into the water by the explosion but managed to clamber aboard a six-foot-square life raft which had drifted away from the scene. In the morning he found the raft stocked with ten gallons of water and five pounds of hard biscuits.

One hundred and thirty-three days later Lim was picked up off the coast of South America. Outside of losing 40 pounds he was in perfect shape. His raft made three round trips, navigational experts decided, in a circular current which flows from the coast of Africa to the coast of South America, Lim had cheerfully conserved his food and water for the first 55 days. Then he made a fish-line by unravelling his shirt and depended on rain-water for drinking. He rode through three serious storms.

Technical Sergeant Billy Libby had that quality of indestructibility although the Army hadn't trained him particularly in how to use it. He was one of the Headquarters Company clerks and cooks that were brought up to protect the village of Hotton while the rest of the 3rd Armored Division went forward to meet the Germans advancing from St. Vith.

Libby fell off the tail of an armored car and rolled unconscious into a deep rut in the middle of the road. A terrific clanging awakened him. He opened his eyes to find himself straddled by a German Mark V Tank. Then another and another rolled over him. Six in all.

When they had rolled on, Libby grabbed his carbine and took refuge in the cellar of a destroyed farmhouse. He located a sub-cellar that contained some frozen vegetables and a small keg of wine. While sampling the wine, a direct hit by a large calibre shell collapsed the ruined house burying Libby in his hideaway.

"I didn't figure there was much sense in getting excited down there," he explained when he emerged a week later. "I wanted to be sure I'd find my pals around when I came up."

The most incredible story of luck coupled with ingenuity to come out of World War II belongs undoubtedly to Navy Chief Radioman George Ray Tweed. Based on Guam before Pearl Harbor, Tweed went through the initial battle for the Island but when it was surrendered, on December 11th, 1941, he took to the hills along with a few other soldiers.

Japanese patrols soon rounded up most of the fugitives. But Tweed kept ahead of them. Living on insects, rodents, roots and fruit, he hid in caves and trees and the deepest patches of jungles. After a

year, the Japanese assigned a picked patrol of fifty men to run him down. They too were unsuccessful. A large reward was offered in the hopes that natives would bring him in but even the natives couldn't keep track of the elusive Tweed.

Two and a half years later the Army and Navy came back to Guam and Tweed was there to greet them. His greeting was a little hoarse and strained, however, as his voice had gotten rusty from disuse.

For sickening horror and a rescue involving equal parts of fabulous luck and great skill, few experiences match Lieutenant Walter Osipoff's first training jump



"Of course she asks about you, Mother always asks about you, dear. Here . . . she says right here, '... and how's Ed, better I hope? Really I think he should see a psychiatrist with that nasty temper of his . . .'"

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with the 2nd Marines Paratroop Battalion near San Diego, California.

The paratroopers went out at 1,000 feet, but instead of going down with his buddies, Osipoff found himself dangling behind the troop carrier, his parachute shrouds fouled in the tail assembly.

By the time the plane got back over the San Diego base it was nearly dark. Plane after plane took off to examine the carrier and its strange cargo high above the airbase. Hand signals had to be used between the pilots as the chute had swept away the radio assembly. Finally a daring plan was attempted.

A two-place open-cockpit plane came up beneath the carrier and Osipoff. A tall husky enlisted man, wearing a safety belt around his waist stood up in the rear cockpit. In a brilliant maneuver, the small plane inched up directly beneath Osipoff and the whirling propeller cut through the trailing shroud lines dropping Osipoff into the arms of the marine in the rear cockpit.

"Man! Was I lucky!" was Osipoff's comment on reaching hard ground. **THE END**

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To keep resolutions is truly a chore.
So, this time, I added a different touch:
I firmly resolved I'd not smoke any more —
But I would continue to smoke **JUST AS MUCH!**

— BY HOWARD F. JOHNSON

PHEW!

In a rough and tumble football game staged by two teams composed of lads between the ages of 8 and 12 years, a great many penalties had been called by the sole official of the game, a lad not much older than the youngest player. One particular 5-yard penalty so incensed one of the members of the team penalized that he wrathfully pushed his face against that of the youthful official and said to him in no uncertain terms, "You stink!" Whereupon the surprised and highly outraged official stepped off 15 more yards, turned around to his accuser, and belligerently inquired, "How do I smell from here?"

— BY CHAS. ROBT. NOCK

COLLEGE NOTE

Defensive halfbacks
And freshman lasses
Should always be ready
To intercept passes.

— BY ADRIAN GODFREY

STRONG BACK, WEAK MIND

A Missouri farmer was plowing a field with one mule but he was shouting: "Gid-



dap Pete! Giddap Barney! Giddap Johnny! Giddap Ralph!"

A stranger, passing by, listened for a few moments and then asked, "How many names does that mule have?"

"Only has one," said the farmer. "His name's Pete, but he doesn't know his own strength, so I put blinders on him and yell a lot of other names and he thinks he has other mules helping him."

— BY AL SPONG

SOLE OF REPETITION

To perpetuate the baby's first shoes
Is a task that has me singing the blues,
For no sooner do I decide to bronze 'em
Than another one comes along and dons 'em.

BY LOYD ROSENFELD

IT CAN'T BE DONE!

A wise father today is one who disciplines his teen-aged daughter by threatening to take his shirts and slacks away from her!

— BY PEGGY CAROLINE FEARS

IT COULD HAVE BEEN A PIANO

For weeks a destitute concert violinist, shivering in his room, had enviously watched the arrival daily of a bad violinist who played in the court below. When the bad violinist sawed out his wretched tunes, windows in the building opened and tenants threw out wads of money.

One day the concert violinist tried it,



"What's my offence? I've been on bread and water for two hours."

played very brilliantly, but collected only 80 cents. Completely bewildered, he put the question to the neighborhood violinist that afternoon.

"That's simple," replied the novice fiddler, "you also got to be a bookmaker."

— BY DAN BENNETT

NIGHT CLUB

Where the waiters are cool,
The music is hot,
The table's reserved,
And the guests are not.

— BY STEPHEN SCHILTZER

HEREDITY?

Meeting her first grade son's teacher at her first PTA meeting, the young mother eagerly awaited a report on the youngster. "I'm sorry to have to tell you, Mrs. Brown, that he's more than I can handle. May I call at your home some evening and have a little talk with his father?"

"Why, I guess you can, but frankly, Miss White, I might as well tell you that if you can't cope with Junior, you haven't got a chance with Senior!"

— BY MARY ALKUS

STREET SCENE

We'll dine, we'll dance.
You'll be glad you came.
Oh, by the way,
What is your name?

— BY WENDELL SMITH

ONE METHOD

A young former G.I. was married to a twin.

The housing shortage forced the couple to live in the home of the wife's parents. "Those sisters look so much alike even their folks can't tell 'em apart — how do you know which one to make love to?" observed a friend.

"I don't know which is which either," was the reply, "but when I feel affectionate I seize one of 'em and if she ain't mine she defends herself."

— BY FRANK MILES

FOR HIM

Man's New Year's resolutions live
A brief and fleeting life.
The only ones he keeps for long
Are those made by his wife!

— BY S. OMAR BARKER

GRIM GAME

A golfing clergyman had been badly beaten on the links by a parishioner thirty years his senior and had returned to the clubhouse rather disgruntled.

"Cheer up," said his opponent. "Remember you win at the finish — you'll probably be burying me some day."

"Even then," said the preacher, "it will be your hole!"

— BY W. C. BIRDSONG

NOT QUITE PERFECT GUEST

With an "I don't mind"
And "tushes" and "pishes,"
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